

# Army Day, 1945

By The President Of The United States  
Of America  
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS our valiant Army by its heroic achievements in carrying the war to the territory of our enemies and by its great victories during the past year has strengthened the confidence of this Nation and its Allies in their vast struggle against tyrannical powers seeking to enslave the world; and

WHEREAS American soldiers in their unflinching devotion to duty are suffering and dying in defense of our land and our spiritual heritage; and

WHEREAS the armies of the United Nations with strength born of unity are liberating the oppressed, and by their victory over tyranny are laying the foundation of a world order to make secure those freedoms for which they fight; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, 75th Congress, agreed to by the House of Representatives on March 16, 1937, has recognized April 6 of each year as Army Day and has requested that the President issue a proclamation annually with respect to that day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, in order that we may give special honor to our courageous soldiers, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 6, 1945, as Army Day, and do invite the Governors of the various States to issue proclamations calling for the observance of that day.

I also urge the civilians of this Nation to renew their energies for the task of supplying our Army with every necessary implement of war to the end that final victory may be attained as speedily as possible, and to resolve that the peace which follows victory shall be firmly sustained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth. (Seal)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

By the President:  
E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.,  
Secretary of State.

## Proud Nation To Hail Fighters On Army Day

WASHINGTON. — Without pausing in its victory push on world-wide battlefronts, the United States on Tuesday will commemorate the 18th annual observance of Army Day in proud realization that it possesses the greatest fighting force in the history of mankind.

## Admiral King Reports 3000- Mile Advance

WASHINGTON. — A year of offensive warfare by the Navy in the Pacific has advanced U. S. forces 3000 miles nearer to Tokyo, Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King asserts in his annual report made public here.

The successful "leap frog strategy" has made it possible for our forces "to begin the assault upon the inner defenses of the Japanese empire itself," Admiral King said in a report devoted largely to a review of combat operations.

He asserts that "the gradually increasing disparity between our own naval power and that of the enemy" made the leap frog tactics possible and left in the rear of our advance many isolated Jap garrisons "to meditate on the fate of exposed forces beyond the range of naval support."

Admiral King said that the closer we get to the Jap homeland "the problem becomes more and more difficult" and the burden on our carrier forces might be expected to become increasingly heavy.

## 15th Air Force Has Heavy Toll

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER, Rome.—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, air chief, disclosed Sunday that his command had lost more than 20,000 men during the last year. Based on its combat crew strength of 20,000, the 15th Air Force suffered loss of more than 100 per cent.

The General said he took consolation in the fact that these losses saved the lives of many thousands of ground soldiers.

General Eaker said some 2050 heavy bombers also were lost.

The annual celebration of Army Day was inaugurated in 1922 by the Military Order of the World Wars, an anti-pacifist organization formed by officers of World War I, and was given official significance by resolution of Congress in 1937 providing annual recognition on April 6.

The day is designated officially each year by Proclamation of the President.

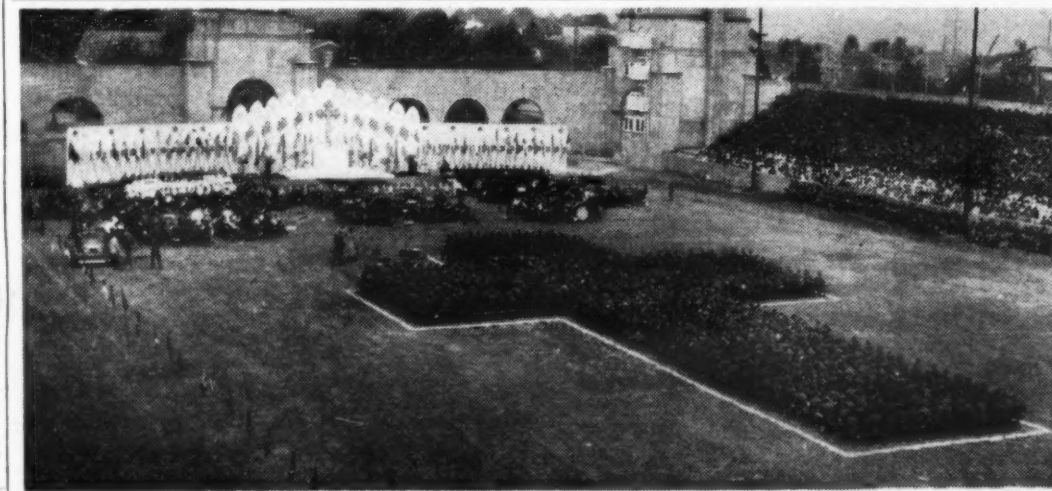
**Weapons Of War Theme**  
"Weapons of War" is the 1945 theme of the Army Day Review, 350-page publication of the Military Order of the World Wars. It describes in word and picture the weapons (See "PROUD NATION," page 6)

## Reports 780,043 Army Casualties

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of War Stimson announced on Thursday that Army casualties have reached 780,043, an increase of 12,363 in one week, and including:

Killed ..... 153,791  
Wounded ..... 473,669  
Missing ..... 86,355  
Prisoners ..... 66,228

Of the wounded, 243,508 have returned to duty, the Secretary said.



IMPRESSIVE HIGHLIGHT of the Easter Sunrise Service at Fort Benning, Ga., tomorrow will be this human cross, made up of more than 1200 soldiers and Wacs. This year's religious pageant will be patterned after the event at which this photograph was made at Doughboy Stadium and which was attended by more than 12,000 military personnel and civilians.

# ARMY TIMES

VOL. 5, No. 34

23

MARCH 31, 1945

\$2 Per Year  
By Subscription

FIVE CENTS

## Allies Crush Nazi Defense; Red Rush Threatens Vienna

WASHINGTON.—Pouring in torrents through smashed German defense lines, the seven Allied armies of the Western front are advancing east of the Rhine in waves which are running through and around a thoroughly disorganized enemy.

Dispatches from the front note: "The rout is underway." Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, says: "The German army as a military force on the Western front is a whipped army with its lines broken by one

of the war's greatest victories."

The present push has made evident that the battle of the Rhine-land stripped the Germans of the power to make another serious stand. They are short of manpower, tanks, oil and other equipment.

Field Marshal Kesselring has been transferred from Italy to command the Nazi forces on the Western front.

Third U. S. Army forces, probably (See "ALLIES CRUSH," page 6)

## House Passes Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON. — The strongest compulsory manpower bill to reach a vote in Congress squeaked through the House of Representatives on Tuesday by a 7-vote margin and faced an uncertain fate in a do-or-die fight in the Senate.

Opposition forces in the Senate rallied for a list-ditch fight against what they termed "involuntary servitude" on Wednesday and debate began on the compromise measure. Unless the Senate approves it, compulsory manpower legislation will be dead.

Besides giving War Mobilizer

James F. Byrnes power to freeze workers, regardless of age or sex, in their jobs, the compromise bill empowers him to tell any worker what job he or she may accept; to impose ceilings on any plant, and to impose any regulation regarding hiring, re-hiring or acceptance of jobs.

Violators, whether employer or employee, would be subject to a year in jail or a \$10,000 fine or both.

### Applicable To All

The bill is now applicable to "every individual" and empowers the War Mobilizer to make surveys of the use of manpower; and "to prohibit the individuals employed in designated areas, activities, plants, facilities and farms . . . from voluntarily discontinuing such employment."

Appeals are provided before an "impartial administrative tribunal" for persons aggrieved by any action taken with respect to him under the law.

Although the fate of the bill in the Senate appeared to be a matter of touch-and-go, the consensus was that the bill would be passed and become law.

## Ike Believes German Army Is 'Whipped'

PARIS. — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, believes that as a military force on the Western Front the Germans "are a whipped Army," but that "the German will stand and fight wherever we find him" and that an imposed and not negotiated surrender will end the war.

General Eisenhower said that the German Army's "main defense line has been broken," but warned that "doesn't mean that all our difficulties are over" nor "that a front cannot be formed somewhere where our maintenance is stretched to the limit and defensive means can be brought to bear."

He emphasized to newspaper correspondents that he has not "written off this war," but said he does not expect the Allied armies to have to fight another major battle necessitating extensive concentration and preparation in the west.

## SOME PURPLE HEARTMEN CAN GET DISCHARGED, ARMY SAYS

WASHINGTON. — Enlisted men wounded in combat — other than those returned to the United States for temporary duty—who have been returned from overseas may be discharged upon their request under certain provisions, the War Department announced.

The provisions are:

(1) They are physically classified

as permanently limited assignment;

(2) Have been awarded the Purple Heart;

(3) Have been determined to be surplus to the needs of the Army as a whole.

No enlisted man will be considered surplus if an assignment is available appropriate to his grade; if such an assignment would release for overseas shipment a man who has not had overseas service, or if the returnee can with a rea- (See "PURPLE HEART," page 6)

## Senate Confirms Nine Full Generals

WASHINGTON.—The Senate confirmed unanimously the promotions of nine lieutenant generals to the rank of full general.

The action, recommended by five-star Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, gives four-star rank to the following:

Joseph T. McNarney, Omar N. Bradley, Carl Spaatz, George C. Kenney, Mark W. Clark, Walter Krueger, Brehon B. Somervell, Jacob L. Devers, and Thomas T. Handy.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.



## Claim Taxi-Racketeering Gouges Combat Returnees

CAMP DEVENS, Mass.—The Fort Devens Digest reports that combat veterans pouring into this fort by

the hundreds after long periods of service overseas are being made victims of price gouging by "profiteering taxi drivers."

In an article by a staff writer, the Digest claims that taxi hawkers sell seats in cabs headed for Rhode Island, Connecticut and other New England spots "for a price that would set the average GI back on his heels and consume most of his month's pay."

**A Beautiful Gift**  
**Each Month For Her**  
Simply send her name and address with:  
\$12 FOR 6 MONTHS (6 GIFTS)  
\$23 FOR 12 MONTHS (12 GIFTS)  
**Gift-Of-The-Month Club**  
475 FIFTH AVE. Dept. 8 NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## OUT OF THE SERVICE, THEN..... *what?*

### Here's a practical suggestion:

Life insurance is a business that gets better the longer you stay in it. If you are sincere, intelligent, ambitious and know how to meet people, you can build up your income to a handsome figure. Others are doing it.

Penn Mutual plans to qualify a number of new salesmen. If you are willing to pay for your success by *hard work*, perhaps this will be just what you have been hoping for. We will assume the responsibility of the training. You can pick your own territory.

We will send you a Sales Index test by which it can be scientifically determined if you have an aptitude for selling. It's yours for the asking. Address us:



Department A  
**THE PENN MUTUAL**  
**LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
INDEPENDENCE SQUARE PHILADELPHIA 5, PA.  
FOUNDED 1847 OFFICES IN 75 CITIES

### NOTE

Paper shortage forces many publishers to curtail orders. **PLAY** orders. Send us **SAFELY** your advance order or renewal **TODAY!**

### SPECIAL MILITARY RATES (One Year)

..Army Times .....	\$2.00
..Architect's Forum ..	2.00
..Army & Navy Jnl. ....	4.00
..A & N J. (to units) ..	6.00
..Atlantic Monthly ..	3.50
..Blue Book .....	2.00
..Coronet .....	1.50
..Downbeat .....	3.00
..Esquire .....	3.50
..Forbes .....	2.00
..Fortune .....	6.00
..Liberty .....	1.75
..Look .....	2.00
..Life .....	3.50
..Magazine Digest .....	2.00
..Newsweek .....	3.50
..Readers Digest .....	1.50
..Red Book .....	2.00
..Skyways .....	2.00
..Time .....	3.50

### Other Popular Publications

..Aero Digest .....	\$3.00
..Baseball .....	2.00
..Field & Stream .....	2.00
..Flying .....	4.00
..Harpers Magazine ..	4.00
..McCall's .....	1.50
..Minicam .....	2.50
..Movie Life .....	1.80
..Movies .....	1.80
..Movie Star Parade ..	1.80
..Our Army .....	3.50
..Personal Romances ..	1.80
..Photoplay-Movi. Mir. ..	1.80
..Popular Mechanics ..	2.50
..Popular Photography ..	3.00
..Readers Scope .....	3.00
..Ring .....	3.00
..Silver Screen .....	2.00
..Screenland .....	2.00
..True Detect. Myst. ....	3.00
..Western Story .....	1.50

### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

#### Special Military Rates

For Men and Women in the Service

For Army and Navy Units In U. S. and Overseas

#### TO MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Check the magazines desired, fill in address and mail with remittance to cover. Subscriptions can be sent to Army personnel at home addresses or wherever you are stationed in the U. S. or Overseas. Order your own or Gift subscriptions NOW!

#### To Military Units Everywhere:

We are authorized representatives for EVERY MAGAZINE published. We specialize in Unit Orders for magazines for Day Rooms and Recreation Rooms, Service Clubs, etc. Send us your order. Your requirements will be filled at the lowest possible rates.

We guarantee to forward magazines anywhere and everywhere when change of station is made.

#### SHEPARD W. DAVIS & CO.

Authorized Representatives

3-31

30 Bay Bldg., Staten Island 1, N. Y.

ENCLOSED IS \$..... for which please send the magazines checked:

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.  
**CATALOG ON REQUEST**

(Subscription to News Week and Time are sent overseas by first-class mail.)

## Storm Boat Production Miracle

WASHINGTON.—Hundreds of small boats, which carried Infantrymen and Engineers across the Rhine at the opening of the great offensive, were in production in Florida, Michigan and Minnesota less than a month ago.

An urgent request for 669 plywood storm boats was received from the European Theater Feb. 1. Depot stocks were exhausted. Two companies making the storm boats could not be expected to produce more than 200 in a month.

A magic wand was needed for the other 400.

One hundred and thirty-nine new and repaired boats were located in a hurry. Two new contracts were placed. Priorities were obtained on materials and supplies were hustled by truck, rail and plane through snow and storms from points scattered from Vermont to Oregon to the contractors.

Boat companies went into high gear. Three shifts swung into action. More laborers were drafted. Slowly but steadily production mounted as man power was bor-

rowed and more and more men put to work.

As the boats were completed they were rushed to ports of embarkation. When it proved impractical to move all the boats by plane special end-door express cars and passenger-type horse cars made available by the Army Transportation Corps were used to move the boats. Ex-

press trucks were put to use.

It was a complete victory for production. Although raw materials were not available to the contractors until Feb. 16 the final shipment of boats was made Feb. 26. The combined efforts of contractors, laborers and Government agencies had produced 556 boats in nine working days.

At the port of embarkation, the first 400 boats were rushed to Europe by swift ships, while many of the remaining boats, nested and crated in groups of six, with a total weight per crate of 4000 pounds, were flown to the theater.



—Signal Corps Photo

**BATTLE OF HASTINGS** back in 1066 A. D. is ancient history, but the Nazis not only have taken a string from the bow of those long-ago fighting Normans, but the whole weapon. Members of the 104th Timberwolf Division found the above crossbows on the Roer front. Bow in foreground is a simplified model; the one in rear is a later development, having a complicated trigger mechanism and a spot welded leaf spring.

## Bazooka Rockets Used By GIs To Cut Barbed Wire

ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT.—American troops have found still another use for the versatile Army Ordnance bazooka rocket. They now use it with telling effect to smash through barbed-wire entanglements.

Although the standard bazooka fuse will detonate only against tanks or other hard surfaces, the bazooka men have been able to sensitize the fuse by lowering the tension of its spring. This sensitized fuse will function on even one strand of barbed wire.

Three rockets are often sufficient to blast a way through a barbed wire entanglement and at the same time destroy any enemy anti-personnel mines in the vicinity.

## 'Jinx' Pilot Leaves; Ground Crew Jubilant

MIAMI, Fla.—Generally, ground crews at European air bases are depressed when pilots conclude their tour of duty and depart.

But not so with mechanics who maintained T/Sgt. Howard R. Mattingly's B-26. The sergeant had encountered so many mishaps on his 65 missions—losing an engine on three occasions; elevator control knocked out; propeller breaking on a takeoff, and, finally, a forced landing crash—that the men actually were jubilant when he bade them good-bye.

"They carried on like the war was over," said Sergeant Mattingly on arrival here.



## ONLY ONE HIGHWAY ON THIS MAP

According to the map, Greyhound uses 78,000 miles of highways, crisscrossing nearly all the 48 states of this man's country. But as far as I'm concerned, they all add up to only one highway—and we're all on it, headed for Victory!

And I suspect that sometimes you fellows think the whole population—in uniform and out—is trying to ride my bus down this particular highway! Maybe so, but after this war is won, stepped-up Greyhound service and roomier, easy-riding, new Super-Coaches will make you agree that all "Highways Are Happy Ways" again!

*Bill—the bus driver*



**GREYHOUND**



"Mom says we're sure lucky—still getting Dyanshine Liquid Shoe Polish"

THE ENTIRE PRODUCTION OF DYANSHINE LIQUID SHOE POLISH IS NOW BEING SHIPPED TO OUR ARMED FORCES



# Half Million 'Stork Bill' Babies

WASHINGTON.—Three-quarters of a million service men's wives and infants received care under the emergency maternity and infant-care program in the first two years of its operation, Dr. Martha M. Eliot, associate chief of the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, reported this week on the second anniversary of passage by Congress of the first specific appropriation for the purpose.

The "stork bill" new totals close to \$70,000,000, Dr. Eliot said, with "Uncle Sam paying doctor and hospital bills for approximately one baby out of every six being born these days."

Dr. Eliot estimates that under the emergency maternity and infant-care program, close to half a million babies have already been born and almost 200,000 are on their way, with medical, hospital and nursing care being provided for their mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and for six weeks after childbirth. In addition, some 75,000 sick infants have been cared for. Infants are eligible for care throughout their first year of life.

All this care has been provided without cost to the service man or his family, Dr. Eliot pointed out. Not infrequently health officials, doctors and nurses have gone to great lengths to get care to those in need. She paid tribute to the generous cooperation of the physicians who have given unstintingly of

their time and strength when they have been hard pressed by wartime practice. Thousands of physicians and hospitals the country over have helped make this program a success, Dr. Eliot asserted. From overseas comes evidence of the gratitude and satisfaction of men at the front that their wives and babies are being cared for.

The program is administered by State health departments under

policies established by the Children's Bureau. Eligible are wives and infants of men in the four lowest pay grades of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps, and wives and infants of aviation cadets. Application blanks can be obtained from the doctor accepting the case or from the local health department. Inquiries should be addressed to the State health department.

## Regiment Is Cited

WITH THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION, in Germany. — Brig. Gen. I. D. White, commanding general of the "Hell on Wheels" Division, announces that Co. H, 41st Armd. Inf. Regt., has been awarded battle honors by the War Department and cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action in France.

## Refugees Tell Of Murder Of Slave-Workers By Nazis

WITH THE U. S. 9TH ARMY, in Germany. — Russian refugees, who came wandering into 9th Army lines from the woods, asserted that the Germans had murdered 509 of their comrades last week.

The murdered Russians had been interned for forced labor at Dinslaken.

## Propose Medal For Mothers And Wives Of War Heroic Dead

WASHINGTON.—An Honor Medal, to be presented to every American mother who has lost a son and every American wife who has lost a husband in the present war, is proposed in a joint resolution introduced in Congress by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) and Rep. Charles A. Plumley (R., Vt.).

Presentation would be made whether the veteran had died overseas or at home, and included would be men killed in training, even before Pearl Harbor.

The medal, it is suggested, would be of beautiful and dignified design and would be worn with a ribbon of distinctive colors.

Sponsors of the resolution say it may be the wish of Congress to provide a similar medal in memory of the girls and women who also have died in the war, and further say they would favor a medal in tribute to those who have given their lives in the Merchant Marine service.

## Unusual Opportunities for VETERANS

THIS AD is addressed to two classes of young men:

(1) To those who are serving in the armed forces and are planning their postwar jobs NOW, and

(2) To those who have been or will soon be discharged from the army for slight or partial physical disability.

Friedrich, one of America's foremost manufacturers of commercial refrigerators, has the following openings for young men now and in postwar days:

STENOGRAPHERS  
(who can take shorthand)  
BOOKKEEPERS  
DRAFTSMEN

You need not have had a large amount of training or experience in these jobs, but you must have the desire and ability to go on from these initial tasks to ones of greater responsibility and opportunity with a progressive firm in a growing industry.

Write fully please. Your replies will be held in confidence.

Richard Friedrich  
Ed Friedrich Sales Corp.  
San Antonio, Texas  
P. O. Box 1540

CONTINENTAL MOTORS CORPORATION  
MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.  
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

Subsidiaries  
CONTINENTAL AVIATION AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION  
MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

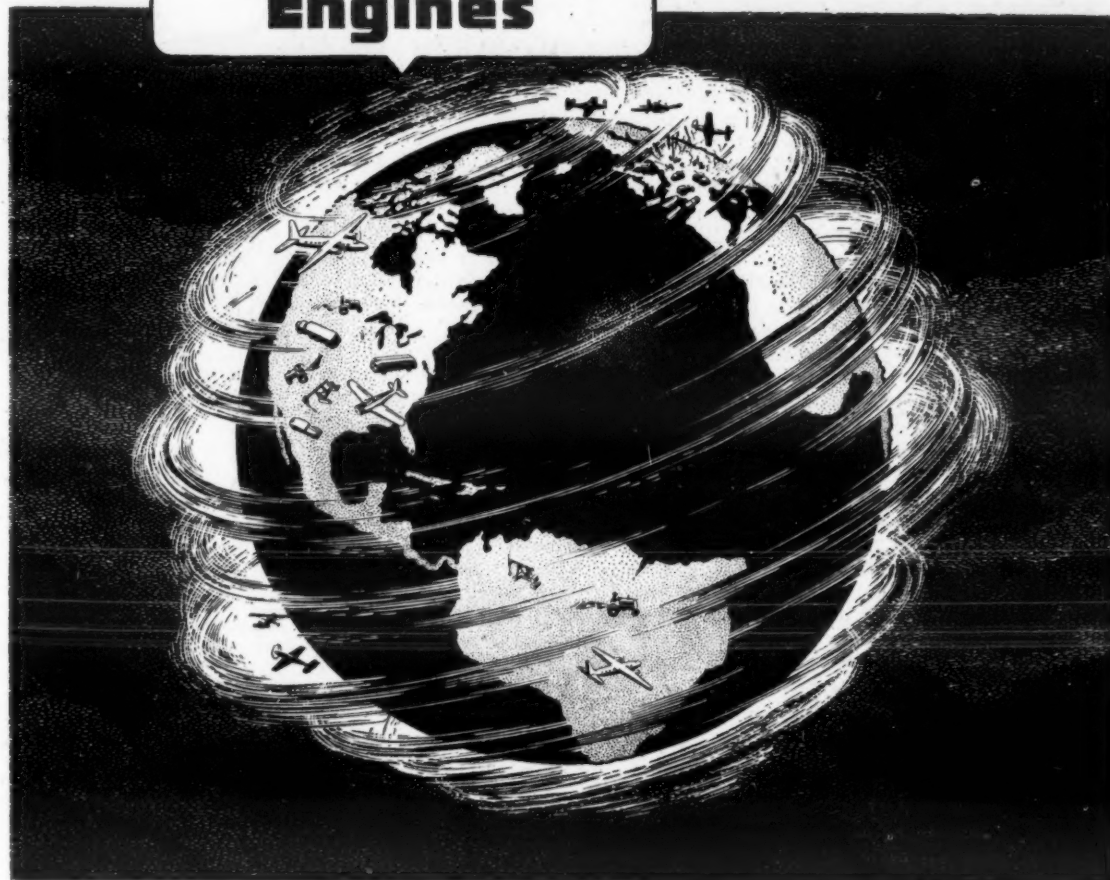
GRAY MARINE MOTOR COMPANY  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

WISCONSIN MOTOR CORPORATION  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, U.S.A.

CON-TEX PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

BRITISH CONTINENTAL MOTORS, Ltd.  
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

## Continental Red Seal Engines



## Experience

Continental Motors Corporation is one of the world's greatest builders of internal combustion engines. This position has been attained through research, advanced engineering, and improved methods of manufacturing, added to the great experience of nearly a half century of fine engine production.

## Continental at War

Continental's tremendous contribution of more than one million engines developing millions of Red Seal Horsepower — the Power to Win — has proved to be a strong right arm of our Government in waging a successful war. Continental Red Seal Engines are powering light and medium tanks, tank destroyers, amphibians, trainers, liaison planes, and more than 40 different types of vital war equipment.

## Continental Looking Ahead

During this period of stress, Continental has been mindful of its position in the world to come. By jealously guarding its reputation as a dependable source of supply of highest grade engines, and by contributing new products, this company fully expects to compete successfully in the coming battle for peacetime markets.

## World-Wide Distribution

In order to properly service export customers, Continental has organized its own export division and will establish distributing and servicing connections in all countries as soon as conditions permit. A wide range of liquid-cooled and air-cooled gasoline engines and Diesels, together with other products, will make the Continental franchise most attractive.



Continental Motors Corporation

CONTINENTAL AVIATION AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN, U. S. A.







# ARMY TIMES

Member Audit Bureau of Circulation  
Largest A.B.C. Circulation in the U. S. Army



Editor—EDWIN A. JOHNSON

Associate—MEL RYDER

Associate Editors—E. J. MOORE, R. A. LE ROUX, H. G. STAGG

Published every Saturday by Army Times Publishing Company, Daily News Building, Washington 5, D. C.

MARCH 31, 1945

Five Cents per Copy:  
Two Dollars per Year

VOL. 5, No. 34

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES  
NEW YORK CITY—George T. Hopewell, 101 Park Ave., 17 (Lexington 2-3783).  
CHICAGO—H. E. France, 549 West Randolph St., 6 (State 9564).  
BOSTON—Lawrence Mitchell, 80 Boylston St. (Hancock 5066).  
PHILADELPHIA—Raymond W. McCarney, 1015 Chestnut St., 7 (Market 0887).  
DETROIT—Clark H. Stevens, 639 New Center Bldg., 2 (Madison 0639).  
WEST COAST—Geo. D. Close, Inc., 5 Third St., San Francisco, 3 (Garfield 6740) and  
448 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, 13 (Michigan 1269).

Entered as second-class matter, Oct. 12, 1940. Washington, D. C., under Act of Mar. 3, 1879.

## A Joe At The Peace Table!

Some months ago we proposed that a combat veteran be seated at the peace table. Since then the idea has swept the nation on a wave of popularity with polls indicating that eight out of ten civilians favor the proposal.

When we suggested a peace conference representative we had in mind a man from the ranks, a true representative of fox-hole fraternity. We believe that although stars and bars might well represent the combat forces, it is GI Joe who has the greatest appreciation for the ideals for which he fights. He has met and defeated the enemy, fought beside our Allies and has been ambassador of good-will in liberated nations. He knows the cost of victory.

Just that sort of a Joe is Sgt. Bill Mauldin. Although he has parlayed an observant eye and a talented pen into big money he is still the buddy of every tired, unshaven fighting man in our armed forces. He is their friend and champion—because he, too, is a member of fox-hole fraternity.

We believe Bill first should be invited to the San Francisco conference. With his intimate knowledge of the mud, pain, death and realities of war he would contribute stability and reality to the conference as the representatives jockey for power and prestige. Sergeant Mauldin would keep his eye on the ball.

We have no doubts as to the young cartoonist's ability to stay in there and pitch for his convictions. When he locked horns with General Patton recently, Bill got at least a draw—which makes him big league in our books. And if the representatives decide to doll up with their many medals, Bill has one to wear—one which all fighting men are proud to wear, the Purple Heart.

Yes, Sergeant Mauldin has many qualifications for the job. He is young and married. He has hopes and ambitions for his son, whom he has not yet seen. He has been in service long enough to rate a service stripe and a number of overseas stripes. He is ambitious and talented. He is representative of the American young men and women wearing khaki and blue. We think he would be in there working for a better nation and a better world. We think he would do a good job.

And besides, if he ever faltered or weakened, Joe and Willie would be right there to remind him that he was speaking for the ration-eating doughboys.

## VA Investigation!

In response to a number of charges hurled at the Veterans' Administration a committee from the House of Representatives is planning to investigate the hospitals and hospital facilities.

Veteran Administrator General Hines welcomes the investigation. In reply to the charges he invited all interested groups and organizations to conduct their own investigations. Some veterans groups have taken him at his word and are already at work, while others are planning nation-wide surveys.

The results of these investigations will be viewed with interest. If reforms are needed, they should be made. If they are not needed and the VA is given a clean bill of health, then certain individuals and publishers will have some tall explaining to do.

Regardless of the outcome, it will be to the benefit of the veterans. They will be given a better picture of the facilities available to them. They will be assured that their interests are demanding the attention of the legislators of the nation.

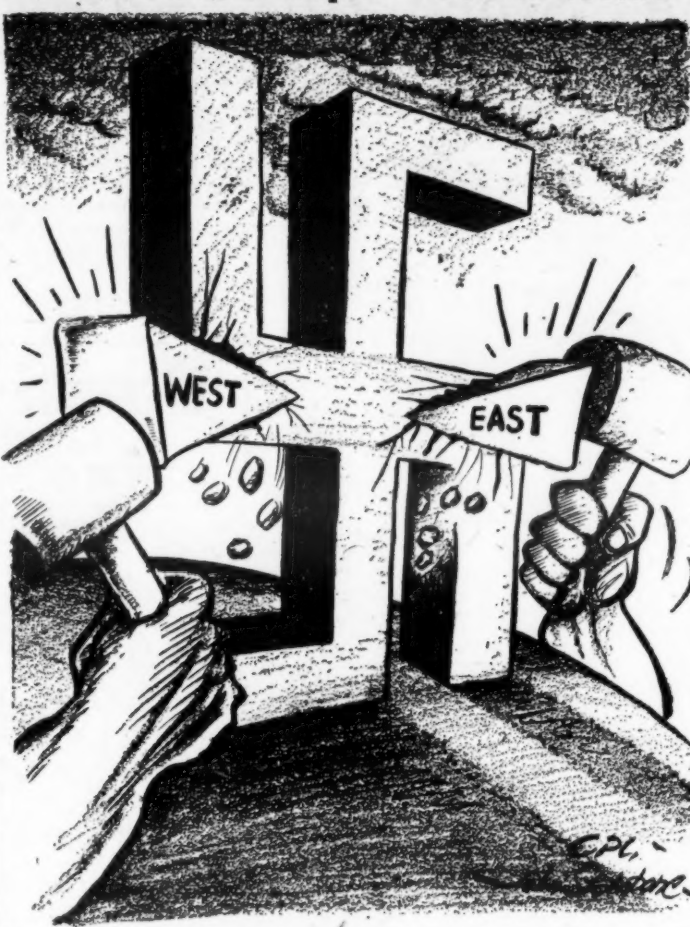
## Surplus Of Latrinograms!

There may be a shortage of meat, butter, shoes and gasoline in the States—but, brother, there is no shortage of rumors. They're dime a dozen, and what's more, they aren't rationed.

In every street car, office building and home in the States, latrinograms are being turned out by the dozens. It isn't just a game played by the man on the street. High officials are guilty of second-guessing their own information and away goes another wave of prop-wash.

When the Yanks started rolling in grand style across the Rhine and deep into Germany, tongues started rolling in even greater style. They hit their peak when a White House order was misunderstood. Before it was straightened out half the working newsmen in the United States were standing by—and back-fence chatter was sounding like machine guns.

## "Divide and Conquer" Comes Home



## At Your Service

**Q. What amount of compensation is payable by the Veterans' Administration for the loss of one eye?**  
Pvt. T. C. J.

**A.** A statutory benefit of \$35 is payable for the loss of one eye, in addition to compensation based on the degree or percentage of disability. This is rated by Veterans' Administration physicians.

**Q. May I purchase a jeep after my discharge, or must I wait until the war is over? GI Joe.**

**A.** Pending announcement of regulations to be issued by the Surplus Property Board in the near future, no definite answer can be given. The law, however, provides that preference in purchase of such surplus property shall be given to veterans, and there is no suggestion that a veteran will have to await the end of the war. Any jeeps offered now at public auction or otherwise can be purchased in competition with other bidders by a veteran, but the preference rights cannot be exercised until the Surplus Property Board issues its regulations.

**Q. Can the abbreviations in the following address be interpreted?—"Sig. Co. Enl. T. Det. B. A. B., Brooklyn, N. Y." M. B. L.**

**A.** It could mean "Signal Corps Enlisted Transport Detachment, Brooklyn Army Base, Brooklyn, N. Y."

**Q. Did a law pass in December making it compulsory that anyone, including Army Nurses and Physiotherapists, who has been overseas a year, shall receive an automatic promotion? Lt. C. L. H.**

**A.** No, but you may refer to an announcement by the War Department of January 31, 1945, of a new policy for promotion of Privates and 2nd Lieutenants, under which commanding officers are authorized to waive the requirements of an authorized vacancy in the grade of Pfc and may promote enlisted men or women to that grade when the personnel meet the new requirements, which include one year of satisfactory service, or service outside continental U. S., or in Alaska. Any 2nd Lieutenant, including Army nurses, dietitians and physical therapists who complete 18 months of service in that grade may be promoted to 1st Lieutenant without regard to a unit's authorized vacancies in the higher grade. Qualification for the higher grade is the only requirement.

**Q. Why are some of the boys tak-**

**An Information Service on GI matters of all kinds.**

Answers will be furnished through this column to questions on allotments, compensation claims, demobilization, hospitalization, vocational training, reemployment, educational rights, insurance, pensions, loans, civil service preference rights, income tax deferrals, veterans' organizations, legislation—anything pertaining to the needs and welfare, rights and privileges of servicemen and women, veterans and their dependents.

**Address: AT YOUR SERVICE, Army Times, Daily News Building, Washington 5, D. C.**

**ing the same training in the Army Air Corps as commissioned 2nd Lieutenants and others commissioned Flight Officers? J. C. B.**

**A.** Because of background and proficiency. Those who do not obtain a certain grade or above are commissioned FOs. These men may be promoted to 2nd Lieutenants later if they prove themselves.

**Q. When a man in the Army is designated as "S-2," "G-2," or "R-2," what does the designation indicate? Miss K. L.**

**A.** S-2 indicates Divisional Intelligence; G-2 indicates General Staff Intelligence; R-2 indicates Regimental Intelligence.

**Q. On my discharge appears the following: "Character Excellent, C. C. F." What does the "C. C. F." mean? S. J. F.**

**A.** They are the initials of the officer making the character report.

**Q. Just what is a "Hospital Plant"? Is a man having such an APO address a patient or on duty? Mrs. T. L. J.**

**A.** A hospital plant overseas is the physical setup for a hospital. A certain numbered general hospital may operate that hospital plant for a time and then move on to an entirely different location and the hospital plant might be taken over by a different numbered general hospital. In such a case the patients would remain there and would continue to get their mail through the hospital plant APO instead of having it go to the numbered general hospital which had moved on. A man having such an address would be either a patient or on duty.

**Q. What do the letters W.G.H.C. mean in a soldier's address?**

**A.** Wakeman General Hospital Convalescent and Reconditioning Station.

**Q. Is there any Army Regulation prohibiting Army personnel from consulting a civilian physician?**

**A.** No.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

I entered service January 20, 1941, took basic training and part in the Carolina maneuvers. I was all set to become a civilian when the Japs struck on December 7, 1944, and all my hopes of getting out were shattered.

Since coming in the Army I married and have adopted my wife's son by a former marriage. I am now overseas with an outfit in which the average man has about half the service I have to my credit.

Should Germany be defeated in the near future and partial demobilization put into effect I would like to know where I stand. Shouldn't some consideration be given me and men like myself for service before Dec. 7?

S/Sgt. Philip Silecchia,  
Hawaii.

(Although all the details on the partial demobilization plan have not been announced as yet, Sergeant Silecchia will receive demobilization plan points for months of service, months of service overseas and dependency. The only one he is not eligible for is battle decorations. —Ed.)

Gentlemen:

Having read the article, "Soldier Book - Hungry, Ascertains Library Chief," in the Feb. 10 issue of Army Times I begin to wonder if the colonel is as right as he is wrong.

A lot of books are distributed but at least half of them are too dry for men to read—at least up here on the front. A good novel, classic of otherwise, stimulates the mind and relaxes the body but it takes guts to read two out of four we have just received.

The guy who selects the badge should have his head examined especially when medical officers are quoted in another article in the same issue as saying that the average soldier has the mind of a 13 year-old.

It may be that the best books are back in some rear area—but I wish some one would get on the ball and wake up. This is 1945 not 1765.

Pvt. S. Bunin,  
In Germany.

Gentlemen:

In March 17th issue of the Army Times you printed an article, "Sergeant Refuses Bronze Star," relating Sergeant Kusalla's refusal of the Bronze Star Citation. This, to me, seems like an insult to our Government, which is trying its best to see that every man is treated fair and just during these days of chaos. Sergeant Kusalla was kicked out of Officer Candidate School? Well that is something. There are thousands and thousands of young men kicked out of Officer Candidate each year. Why? Because they can't make the grade and not because they haven't what it takes on the battlefield. If heroism and courage was all it took to make officers then there would be more officers than enlisted men in this Army. On thing Sergeant Kusalla should know, you can judge a man's knowledge or education but there is absolutely no yardstick in existence to measure a man's courage under certain conditions.

I don't think Sergeant Kusalla realized what he was doing when he wrote his letter to General Marshall. Surely, everyone should know that officers too are human beings. Now I am not taking up for officers, far be it from that, for I know some I wouldn't care to have in my business if they were to pay me. But that is not the point. I think battle scars and battle sweats are enough for me to appreciate what I went out on the battlefield for, disregarding the shirking of many of my comrades—officers or enlisted men. I personally think Sergeant Kusalla is bitter to the world and certainly if he keeps the present spirit or attitude the world will be bitter to him. Break loose, Kusalla! This world is not a perfect place to live. We all know this, and neither is the Army a perfect set-up, its too full of human beings.

Sgt. Winfield S. Bryant,  
Camp Mackall, N. C.





OFFICE OF  
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

TO: THE POLICYHOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT INSURANCE

Persons who actively served in the armed forces since October 8, 1940 have had the opportunity of applying for National Service Life Insurance. Those who bought this insurance made a wise purchase. National Service Life Insurance is low cost insurance because the Government bears all losses due to the extra hazard of military and naval service and in addition, pays all the expenses of administration.

When a person leaves this world he cannot take anything material with him but he can leave behind something of value to his loved ones. I know of no better way of protecting against their want than by means of adequate life insurance.

The insurance made available to you in the service was term insurance convertible without physical examination. It is a valuable asset which cannot be replaced. Continue to carry it. If you have let it lapse, reinstate it. When you are in a position to plan a long range insurance program convert your insurance to a permanent form.

The American Life Convention, The Life Insurance Association of America and The National Association of Life Underwriters, which represent the great majority of the life insurance business, have all gone on record as indicating a desire to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Veterans Administration in protecting the interests of service persons.

I welcome this cooperation and believe it will be a force for the accomplishment of great good. Accordingly, I urge that you continue your Government insurance in force and I join with these life insurance organizations in urging you not to exchange your Government insurance. Other insurance should supplement rather than replace Government insurance for veterans.

*Frank T. Hines*  
FRANK T. HINES,  
Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

This is a reproduction of an advertisement which has been published in 300 daily newspapers in the United States, with approximately 30,000,000 circulation.

### First steps to take when discharged

**D**ISCHARGE from Service in no way affects your government insurance, except that premiums can no longer be deducted from your Service pay, and you must now pay them direct.

Ordinarily, the premium for the month of discharge is deducted from your final

pay settlement. Make a note of the date when the next premium is due (see your Form 53) and remember you must pay it within 31 days of that date.

Make your check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States and mail it to the Collections Subdivision, Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C. Pay the premiums even though a premium notice does not reach you. It is most important to give your full name, birth date, present address, policy number, and your Service serial number.

# A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE TO VETERANS\* AND THEIR FAMILIES

\* Even now, service men and women are being discharged at the rate of 70,000 a month.

**T**HE FINANCIAL HEALTH of America as a whole depends upon the financial health of every individual.

Recognizing this, America's life insurance companies take this opportunity to cooperate with the Veterans' Administration in the conservation of life insurance issued to millions of individuals under the National Service Life Insurance Act.

As part of their educational program in the interests of all owners of life insurance, they wish to draw the attention of every man and woman in the armed forces, and their families, to the above letter of General Hines.

In cooperation with the Government, the life insurance companies are advising their field forces and branch office personnel on the rights of veterans in regard to their National Service Life Insurance.

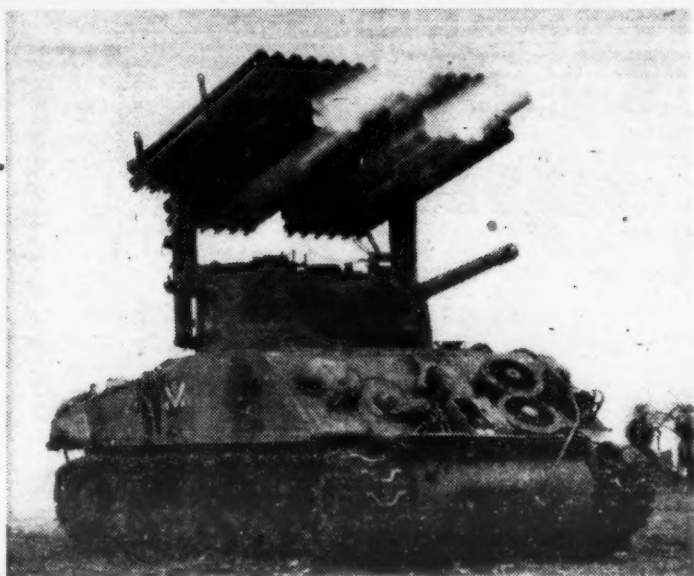
Representatives of life insurance in the field will cooperate with various local veterans' organizations to provide a consultation service for veterans and veterans' organizations and to distribute the Veteran Bureau's official booklet, "Continuance of National Service Life Insurance."

*The life insurance companies and their agents again welcome an opportunity to be of public service.*

Life Insurance Companies in America  
60 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

## Life Insurance Companies in America and their agents





—Signal Corps Photo

"MESSENGER OF FIRE" is this T-34 multiple rocket launcher, mounted on M4 No. A3 tank. The 4.5-inch rockets are fired singly, the multiple effect here being due to time exposure. Launcher is being manned by the 134th Ordnance Battalion, 14th Armored Division, 21st Corps of the 7th Army, in the Fletrange area, France.

## Patton Says American Tanks Best; 'Nuf Sed

WASHINGTON.—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who ought to know, has advised the War Department that American tanks are "infinitely superior" to any tank in the European theater of war in mechanical endurance and ease of maintenance.

The fighting general, whose armor even now is pushing the Nazis all over Germany, asserts that contrary to other reports, in his opinion the German "lost much of his ability in armored combat" with

the advent of the heavy Tiger tank which has been described by some as superior to the American tanks.

General Patton, to back up his claims, points out that since April 1, 1944, when his 3rd Army became operational, the total tank casualties have amounted to 1136 tanks, while during the same period he has accounted for 2287 German tanks of which 808 were of the Tiger or Panther variety.

### Refute Inferiority

"These figures of themselves refute any inferiority of our tanks," General Patton said in a letter to Lt. Gen. Thomas Handy, deputy chief of staff. "But let me add that the 3rd Army has always attacked, and therefore better than 70 per cent of our tank casualties have occurred from dug-in antitank guns and not enemy tanks, whereas a majority of the enemy tanks put out have been put out by our tanks."

Patton admits that in a dead-end street slugfest the American Mark IV medium could not last against a German Tiger, but adds that "the great mobility of the Mark IV tank usually enables it to circumvent the slow and unwieldy Tigers and not to engage in a slugfest match, but to attack them from the rear."

The 3rd Army commander's letter attributes the attacks on American tanks to "misguided or perhaps deliberately mendacious individuals" and points out that as a commander of fighting units since Nov. 7, 1942, he, Patton, "may therefore claim some knowledge of the various types of equipment."

He said that if his Army had been equipped with German Tiger and Panther tanks during its current operation it would have suffered road losses of 100 per cent across France and would have had to be re-armored twice since Saarguemines.

"The outstanding advantage which our tanks possess over the German tank is the mechanical traverse and stabilizer, through the use of which we get most of our kills," he wrote.

### 'Death March' Photos Buried At Prison Camp

URBANA, Ill.—Exactly five years from the day he left home, Cpl. Dale O. Von Linger returned Tuesday to his Mansfield home. One of the 510 American soldiers liberated from the Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, Von Linger said some 400 photographs had been made of the "Death March," brought to the camp by prisoners, developed secretly, processed with the aid of vinegar and buried. He said another prisoner has the map showing the spot where the pictures are located but that he could find them without the map.

## 30th Division All Set To Give 116th Panzer Another Licking

WITH THE U. S. 9TH ARMY, in Germany.—The drive begun late last week by the famous "Old Hickory," 30th Division gives a vivid picture of conditions found by the American armies in their breakthrough from the Rhine.

Finding German resistance apparently disintegrated at a point some eight miles east of the Rhine, troops of the 30th jumped on tanks and took off. Field officers said the Division had gone clear through organized German defense and broken into the open.

### In Front Of Other Troops

The 30th's surge carried it to the front of all other troops of the 21st Army Group. The 79th Division, on the 30th's flank, had made almost

as good progress but had run into some spotty German pockets which held it somewhat behind the 30th.

Resistance in front of the 30th had dwindled almost to nothing as the attack progressed. With more than 2000 prisoners taken up to noon, officers of the 30th figured that the German 180th Division which faced them was almost completely destroyed.

Attacking three regiments abreast after a terrific artillery barrage the 30th hit everywhere at once along a six-mile front. The only signs of an enemy front was from a hidden tank which took pot shots here and there. This was left for rear echelons to deal with.

### Meet Crack Panzers

Early this week the 30th met the

116th Panzer Division, rushed down from Holland by Field Marshal Kesselring in an attempt to stem the American advance.

The 30th had met this division last October in the fighting around Aachen, when the Yanks got through the Siegfried line, and again in the Ardennes forest in the battle of the bulge.

Next morning troops of the 30th captured a battalion commander of the 116th while he was out making a personal reconnaissance. He complained that his equipment had never arrived.

His story was typical of conditions among the enemy all along the front. The Germans have too few tanks, too few soldiers, and have virtually no air support on most sections.

## Camp Upton Being Made Rehabilitation Center

NEW YORK.—It was announced at the New York office of the Corps of Engineers that a \$2,000,000 program covering new buildings and reconstruction at Camp Upton, L. I., to be completed by May 15, or shortly afterward, will make it one of the biggest and most complete rehabilitation centers in the country.

Sixty-seven one- and two-story frame barracks are being converted into hospital wards for convalescent wounded men. In addition, eight new masonry buildings will include two recreation centers, a clinic, a post exchange, a combination shop and class room, an administration building, a Red Cross building and a central heating

plant. The new buildings will accommodate 3500 men and will release a corresponding number of beds in Army hospitals. When fully recovered, the men passing through Camp Upton will be returned to civilian life, if their condition warrants, or sent back to Army duty.

Camp Upton was retired as a reception center on August 31, after receiving some 500,000 recruits. It was also the training center for the 77th Division.

## General Hazlett Inspects Blanding

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, commander of the Army Ground Forces Replacement and School Command, was at Blanding recently on his first inspection of the Infantry Replacement Training Center since his appearance here last June as principal speaker on the Center's Infantry Day program.

## \$150 Cost-Free Clothing Order Asked For Vets

WASHINGTON.—A move to help discharged members of the armed forces to become walking examples of sartorial elegance has been launched in the House of Representatives, where Rep. Gardner (D., Ohio) introduced a bill to provide a \$150 cost-free purchase certificate for civilian clothing to all persons upon their discharge.

The \$150 cost-free certificate would be in addition to present or future mustering-out pay and could be used only for the purchase of clothing.

Congressman Gardner's bill provides that any member of the armed forces entitled to mustering-out pay shall be entitled to receive, in addition to that pay, a purchase certificate which he may use at any store or stores of his choice.

## Allies Crush Defense

(Continued from page 1) the furthest advanced of the Allied forces, broke through an enemy rally on the Dill river line, and have shredded defenses on the River Main, southeast of Frankfurt. The 3rd's tank forces are loose and on the move east.

The 1st Army's tank forces have pressed to Wetzlar, 57 miles east of the Rhine. Sections of the 1st and 3rd, converging near Frankfurt, have a large body of Nazis in a 45-mile pocket. Frankfurt is under attack.

The 7th Army, after destroying

all resistance east of the Rhine, has crossed the river and advanced more than 10 miles east.

The 9th, the only army to meet serious resistance, had continued its advance to the neighborhood of Essen.

On the 9th's flank, in the North, the British 2nd Army broke loose completely through enemy lines and is dashing eastward unopposed.

### Reds Driving On Vienna

The main Russian movement of the week has been in Hungary, where the 3rd and 4th Ukrainian armies are driving along the Danube toward Austria and Vienna. Military authorities suggest that this may be a move to thwart the reported Nazi plan to establish a last-stand fortress position in the mountains of Austria and Czechoslovakia.

On the Baltic, the Reds have crashed into both Danzig and Gdynia, with the fall of the latter announced.

The 1st White Army is pouring a ceaseless stream of men across the Oder, widening the defensive front against Berlin.

Argentina declared war against the Axis on Tuesday in a move designed to end its diplomatic isolation.

In the Pacific, the 8th Army's Americal Division made landings Monday on Cebu, one of the major islands of the Philippines still in Japanese hands. Steady progress is being made in occupation.

In Burma, Chinese troops driving south toward Mandalay cleared the Japs from a 40-mile section of the old Burma Road, between Lashio and Haipen. Jap forces trapped between Mandalay and Meiktila have been trying desperately to break through to the only route left to Thailand, but are being held by the Chinese.



—Signal Corps Photo

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: Pfc. Alex E. Mason, clerk in the Basic Training Section, Fort Lewis, Wash., who since the start of the war has been collecting newspaper headlines, items and pictures, such as the ones he's clipping from ARMY TIMES. When some member of his yet-unfounded family asks about the great conflict, Private Mason will have the dope in his huge scrapbook, of which his Mom in Troy, N. Y., is guardian.

## Purple Heartmen

(Continued from page 1)

reasonable amount of retraining be effectively utilized.

First determination of surplus will be made by the major command—Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, or Army Service Forces—to which the soldier is assigned. If this command finds the soldier surplus, he will be sent to a personnel center where the other two major commands will make their determinations. If no assignment exists for the soldier, he will be transferred to a separation center for discharge.

It was pointed out that this is an extension of the policy adopted a year ago providing for the discharge of combat-wounded personnel who, as a result of their wounds, are permanently below the minimum physical standards of the Army. These men, however, are retained in the service if they specifically request it, provided their physical condition permits any reasonably useful employment.

## Proud Nation

(Continued from page 1)

with which the greatest Army this country ever had is fighting and winning the worst war in history.

All branches of the Army and all weapons, except those barred for security reasons, are given their share of credit for the string of victories which have pushed the Germans back into Germany and brought our forces 3000 miles nearer Tokyo in the past year.

Army Day was inaugurated to take the form of a citizen demonstration under the leadership of the Military Order of the World War and since then has been observed with the cooperation of virtually all military and veterans' organizations in the country.

General of the Army George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff, and Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King are among the Commanders-in-Chief of the organization elected for life.



# Stages One-Man Assault To Make Rescue; Deed Wins Honor Medal

WITH THE 36TH DIVISION, in Germany.—For his successful staging of a one-man machinegun assault to permit a medical aid man an opportunity to recover seven wounded comrades from enemy-held territory, 2nd Lt. Stephen R. Gregg, of Bayonne, N. J., has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

The action for which he was cited took place during the fighting last Aug. 27 near Montpellier, France. Lieutenant Gregg, then a platoon sergeant with the 143rd Infantry Regiment of the 36 Division, fired a 30-caliber machinegun from the hip while walking up hill ahead of the

medical corpsman. They were showered with grenades, but Gregg kept up his fire until the air man had treated and recovered all the wounded.

A hand-to-hand struggle with the enemy that developed when Lieutenant Gregg's ammunition was expended was described by Capt. Zerk O. Robertson.

"Four Germans closed in on Lieutenant Gregg in an attempt to take him prisoner," he said. "The intense fire he had laid into the German positions had focused all attention on him, and because of this, American Infantrymen had been able to maneuver into firing positions. One

Infantryman fired on the four attempting to capture Lieutenant Gregg, and the Lieutenant took an automatic pistol from one of the Germans and was able to make his way back to where his other machineguns were in position.

"He manned one of the guns and opened fire, killing one of the Germans and wounding the others. Afterward, we found dead Germans in each of the enemy machinegun positions."

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch pinned the decoration on Lieutenant Gregg on March 14 just before the 7th Army pushed off into Germany. The lieutenant is now on his way to his home in Bayonne.

Lieutenant Gregg, now 30 years old, enlisted in the infantry Feb. 9, 1942, and is a veteran of the campaigns in Italy and in France. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy in Italy shortly before he was awarded the Silver Star. For a minor wound in the arm, suffered in Italy, he has the Purple Heart.

## Fort Bragg General Says 17 Weeks' Training Okay

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Seventeen weeks allotted for basic training here is adequate; the men have found themselves, they "know they're good," and they'll be rarin' to go when they've had the polish put on by battle-tried veterans when they get overseas.

This was the statement of Maj. Gen. Donald C. Cubison, commanding general of this field artillery replacement training center. It was made to a group of newspapermen invited by the War Department for a personal observation tour following criticism that men sent to combat were given too-brief training.

General Cubison pointed out that until about a year ago, the basic training period was 13 weeks, after which they were assigned to units for unit training and then formed into divisions to move overseas and into combat. Under the new way, replacements join experienced outfits overseas and learn from combat men the battle rudiments formerly taught in unit training in this country.

General Cubison, who has trained many thousands of FA replacements in the last three years and who trained the famous 1st Infantry Division before it went into

combat overseas, emphasized that men trained here do not go into combat in untested groups but are assigned as replacements to veteran units in the field.



## "MINE SWEEPING" -WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY!



1. "TELLER MINES"—devilish devices, packed with enough high explosive to tear a G. I.'s legs off—are planted by the retreating foe. When the field is thickly sown, enemy soldiers fall back and wait...



3. POWERFUL SHELL ARE LOBBED HIGH ACROSS NO-MAN'S-LAND. They fall... ignite... and the very earth itself explodes! Teller mines go off like popcorn, wasting their fury on the air.

### A WHOLE BLANKET OF HIGH-EXPLOSIVE SHELL EXPLODES ENEMY MINES AHEAD OF OUR TROOPS!

"MINE-SWEEPING" with heavy artillery is another example of the American tactical policy of expending large quantities of matériel to protect our soldiers' lives and limbs. For military reasons, artillery is not

usually called on to serve in this way, but whenever circumstances justify their use, the big guns are ready.

Such policies bring an added responsibility, and an added incentive, to American indus-



2. BUT OUR TROOPS DO NOT RUSH IN! First, heavy 105 mm. howitzers are trained on the infested ground, a separate area to each gun. At a given signal, the big guns open up.



4. FINALLY THE PULVERIZING BARRAGE IS OVER. The field—still covered with smoke—is robbed of its death-dealing explosives. Quickly tanks, guns, and men roll forward to the attack!

try. If we are to use materials, and save men... then we must produce those materials in unheard of quantities. At Oldsmobile, for example, the pressure is on to reach an all-time high in turning out rockets, cannon, and shell of many types—including "Mine-Sweeping" 105's. It's our job to Keep 'Em Firing... and that means Keep 'Em Living, too!

## OLDSMOBILE DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTORS

FIRE-POWER IS OUR BUSINESS

## Carrying Cash isn't Safe!



IT'S TOO EASY to wake up one day and find your money isn't there. Your money is safe, though, when you put it in the form of American Express Travelers Cheques. And wherever you go—your cheques are as acceptable as cash.

Handling them is no bother at all. You simply buy the number of cheques you require, and sign them all. Then sign each one again as you spend it. If any are lost or stolen you get a prompt refund for the full amount of your loss. This service costs you only 75c per \$100—minimum 40c. The cheques are available at Banks, principal Railway Express Offices and at many camps and bases.

**American Express**  
TRAVELERS CHEQUES

## Eastern Star Gift

FORT DIX, N. J.—Twenty-five electric hot food carts have been

donated to Tilton General Hospital by the New Jersey Order of Eastern Star.



## NOW THE 'WALKIE-TALKIE'

No more the old "crank handle" telephone. The new modern "walkie-talkie" has taken its place—two-way communication made simple.

Our service to Officers of the Army is a tradition that dates back to the days of the old telephone and carries right on up thru the years.

Write for complete catalog.



**ASSOCIATED**  
Military Stores, Inc.

19 W. JACKSON BLVD.,  
DEPT. A.T., CHICAGO 4, ILL.



# Blue And Grey Division Sergeant Given Honor Medal Posthumously

WITH THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—S/Sgt. H. Hallman, of Spring City, Pa., whose courageous exploit, resulted in the advance of over 2000 yards by his 2nd Battalion and the eventual capture of Fort Keranroux, a principal factor in the fall of Brest, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Nation's highest decoration, the first of its kind to be won by a soldier of the Blue and Grey Division, will be presented to Sergeant Hallman's mother.

In the official citation, it is stated that despite heavy supporting fire, the entire 2nd Battalion could make no progress in three successive days

of attacks and counter-attacks.

Sergeant Hallman spotted the principal point of enemy resistance.

Instructing his squad to cover his movements, he leaped over a hedge-row and into a sunken road, by which he crawled up to the position. He had discerned, from the concentration of fire, that the German defense contained at least a machine gun and over a score of riflemen. Yet he made his way there alone, armed with a carbine and several grenades.

When he got up close he let loose,

killing and wounding four Jerries. Then he followed up by yelling to the rest to surrender, and 12 more came out with their hands high. Shortly afterwards the remainder of his company moved up and secured the position. That done, it was a comparatively easy matter to flush the rest of the Jerries, 75 in all, from their entrenchments in the vicinity. The battalion was able once more to move upon its objective.

Sergeant Hallman was killed in action the next day.

## Getting Pay Allotments To GI Families Big Job By ODB

WASHINGTON.—Office of Dependency Benefits has handled 2,371,711 changes of address to date for the 7,340,251 family allowance and Class E allotment-of-pay accounts which that agency has administered.

Primary reason for the one-to-three change-of-address ratio is the desire of Army wives to be near their husbands in this country and to return to their own homes or the homes of their husbands' parents when the soldiers go overseas.

For each change of address, ODB withdraws the account folder from the file, reprocesses it and cuts a new stencil, which necessitates a delay in the mailing of checks. Over-all changes of status, according to ODB statistics, amount to

9,996,117, or 2,655,866 more than all the ODB active accounts. Other changes result from births, deaths, marriages, divorces and varying financial conditions of a soldier's dependents.

To avoid delay in mailing out checks, dependents who move are requested to notify promptly the ODB and their local postmaster of their new address.

## Army Quiz

1. The Rhine, in many respects is to Germany what the Mississippi is to the United States, being its longest and most historic river. How does it compare with the Mississippi in length?

- A. Twice as long?
- B. Two-thirds as long?
- C. One-third as long?

2. In new flying technique being taught at Foster Field, Tex., students are being taught to aim the plane, rather than guns. Can you tell the reason why?

3. A number of World War II veterans are sitting as Representatives in Congress. Would you say the number was—

- A. 23?
- B. 13?
- C. 3?

4. The American Legion celebrated its 26th anniversary on March 15. Do you know whether it was founded in—

- A. Paris, France?
- B. Kansas City?
- C. Washington?

5. B-29 Superfortresses have been making frequent "1000-ton raids" on Japanese cities. Could you tell when and by whom the first such raid of the war was made?

6. The Vice President of the Pullman Company announced last week the number of troops which had been carried on Pullmans in the United States in 1944. Would you think it was—

- A. 3,175,647?
- B. 8,373,923?
- C. 12,228,482?

7. Recent American landings on one of the Philippine islands, with attacks on one of the main cities, brings to mind a familiar old song: "Oh, the monkeys have tails in..." Can you fill in the blank?

8. Maj. Gen. Orville A. Anderson, deputy commander of the 8th Strategic Air Force in Europe, last week gave the main reason for the weak showing of the German air forces in operations on the Western front for the past few months. Would you think it is—

- A. A shortage of planes?
- B. A shortage of fuel?
- C. Lack of qualified pilots?

9. No American division has ever received the Presidential Citation. True? False?

10. By decision of the Yalta Conference the United States is to have postwar control over one-third of Germany's area, including the Western and Southern sections. What percentage of the pre-war population of the Reich would you think will come under United States control?

- A. 75 per cent?
- B. 50 per cent?
- C. 33 1-3 per cent?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)



—Pfc. Chas. Cartwright, ASFTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

"It's the Red Cross man, pinch-hitting for a soldier overseas."

## AAF Kraut Bombing Specialists

WASHINGTON.—Nine fighter-bomber pilots of the United States 9th Air Force who have blasted such obstacles as tanks, bridges, tunnels, gun positions and fortified buildings from the path of the advancing American Armies in Europe have been singled out for special recognition by Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, U. S. Army, Commanding General, 9th Air Force, the War Department announced.

These pilots are the top men in different types of target for the 9th Air Force, which is providing aerial co-ordination for the United States 1st, 3d and 9th Armies on the Western Front.

"By the nature of tactical air power which attacks dozens of tar-

gets simultaneously, we have to describe daily operations in an impersonal and statistical fashion," General Vandenberg said.

**Personal Skill**  
"However, tactical air power's total effect rests squarely on the personal skill and achievements of individual pilots in destroying enemy materiel and snarling communications systems.

"That effort is just as real and worthy of special recognition as the skill involved in shooting down enemy planes. The personal achievement of these nine pilots of the 9th Air Force reflects the initiative and the battle-wisdom of all of our tactical airmen who have learned in action how to knock out ground force materiel which is of the utmost value and necessity for the enemy," he said.

The nine pilots are: Locomotives—1st Lt. Bruce W. Carr, Union Springs, N. Y., 65 destroyed; rail-

road cars—Capt. Wilfred B. Crutchfield, Madisonville, Ky., 350 destroyed; railroad tracks—Capt. Kent C. Geyer, Borger, Tex., 80 cuts; tunnels—Capt. Francis P. McIntire, Savannah, Ga., six sealed; buildings—Capt. Irving I. Ostuw, Passaic, N. J., 75 destroyed; motor transport—1st Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, Winnetka, Ill., 300 destroyed; tanks and armored vehicles—1st Lt. William J. Garry, Winona, Minn., 32 destroyed; bridges—Capt. Frank H. Peppers, Brooklyn, N. Y., 15 destroyed; gun positions—Capt. Carroll A. Peterson (reported killed in action over Luxemburg, Jan. 22, 1945), Grand Rapids, Mich., 75 silenced.

General Vandenberg pointed out that fighter-bomber pilots who concentrate on ground targets seldom meet German planes and have little opportunity to gain high scores in aerial combat in point of enemy planes shot down.



—Signal Corps Photo

TRIBESWOMAN DID HER BIT Helped Build Tengchung Cutoff

## Army Total Of All Losses 1,716,000 To Dec. 31

WASHINGTON.—Losses to the Army of the United States through deaths and other causes from the beginning of the present war through Dec. 31, 1944, totaled 1,716,000 the War Department has announced.

The latest available cumulative figures (to the nearest thousand) show male losses reported from Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1944, to be as follows:

	OFFICERS ENLISTED TOTAL		
Total deaths (battle and non-battle) .....	29,000	143,000	172,000
Honorable discharges .....	26,000	1,195,000	1,221,000
Prisoners of war and missing ..	25,000	107,000	132,000
Other separations .....	4,000	187,000	191,000
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>1,632,000</b>	<b>1,716,000</b>

The foregoing figures do not include discharges of enlisted men to accept commissions in the Army of the United States. "Other separations" includes men who were placed in an inactive status, personnel given discharges other than honorable, retirements of Regular Army personnel and other miscellaneous separations.

## GIs Share Praise With Rank In Official Unit Combat Histories

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS. In France.—The factual, but breathtaking combat stories of each of the fighting divisions and other commands which have contributed to the American victory in Europe are related for immediate reading and later historians in a series of booklets being published by Stars and Stripes.

The booklets, each telling the combat story of the individual divisions or other units of the Ground, Air and Service Forces, are printed in pocket-sized form and may be mailed to relatives and friends by the men of the units.

The latest to come from the presses include: "Brest to Bastogne," the story of the 6th Armored Division; "The First," the story of the 1st Infantry Division; "Achtung Jabos," the story of the IX TAC; "From D Plus to 105," the story of the 2nd Infantry Division; and "Fly, Seek, Destroy," the story of the XIX TAC.

**Identifies By Name**  
Liberal illustrated with pictures and identifying many of the fight-

ers by name, the booklets are better-than-average descriptive accounts of the tough fighting through France and the Lowlands and into Germany.

The GI Joe from buck private to sergeant often gets individual credit by name for spectacular exploits and praise is not confined to high-ranking officers.

Each of the booklets was prepared on the basis of material submitted to Stars and Stripes by members of the units concerned.

## Launch Campaign To Conserve GIs' Life Insurance

NEW YORK.—Signaling the formal launching of a campaign of cooperation with the Veterans Administration, the Life Insurance Companies of America are taking advertising space in some 300 newspapers throughout the country, in a number of service publications and in the insurance trade press to urge veterans to continue their National Service Life Insurance in force.

Representatives of life insurance in the field will cooperate with various local veterans' organizations to provide a consultation service for veterans and veterans' organizations and to distribute the Veteran Bureau's official booklet, "Continuance of National Life Insurance."

## Waiting Pavilion

JACKSON AB, Miss.—So that GIs will have comfort as they wait for their mates for dates at the gate, Post Engineers have constructed a 24 x 19 Waiting Pavilion. Equipped with benches, it has seating for 26.





—Signal Corps Photo

ONE OF THE MANY Rhine River pontoon bridges over which troops and supplies are pouring into Germany. The construction of the longest (1146 feet) treadway pontoon bridge knocked a general's estimates into a cocked hat. The general said it would take 48 hours to build. A colonel said 36. A lieutenant colonel 24. But members of the 202nd group of Engineers and the 17th Armored Engineers, with lots of swearing and sweating and ducking of enemy fire, built it in nine hours. "I guess we just were scared and wanted to get out of here in a hurry," said Lt. William N. Doyble.

## GI Says Red Cross Is Troop Morale Builder

PORTLAND, Ore. — "The American Red Cross is great stuff! They sure did a lot for us boys down in the Southwest Pacific, where the going is rugged."

So said Cpl. James T. Makinson, of Pine Valley, Ore., who recently returned from 33 months' service in the South Pacific.

At a ceremony held at Portland Port of Embarkation, an installation of the Transportation Corps, Army Services Forces, where Corporal Makinson now is stationed, he spoke in tribute to the organization which has meant cheer and succor to our soldiers in all theaters of operations. His voice expressed the gratitude of all American soldiers everywhere for the time and effort and sacrifices that have been given to the armed forces by the American Red Cross.

"A lot of us were sick and wounded on Guadalcanal," said this Transportation Corps soldier. "We were moved over to the Fiji Islands. There wasn't much there to drive our blues away when we arrived. But it didn't take the Red Cross long to make it a little bit of the U. S. A. Our morale really started climbing. The Red Cross took over

a building, sponsored dances, picnics, boat trips and fishing trips. They had a Vocational Training Department at the hospital, and this gave many of the men a chance to overcome their homesickness and loneliness by making trinkets and doing woodwork. It took their minds off their troubles. I sure am for the Red Cross a hundred per cent. So are all the buddies I ever served with."

## Heavy Drinkers!

WITH ADVANCE U. S. SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS, in Belgium.—The 487th Water Supply Battalion set a record during the month of February by purifying and distributing more than 11,000,000 gallons of potable water for troops of Advance Section, Communications Zone, Channel Base Section, and the 1st, 3rd and 9th Armies.

This increase of 37.5 per cent over the Battalion's previous record of 5,000,000 gallons, was accomplished despite adverse weather conditions and the training of a number of reinforcements.

## Kate Smith Hour Pays Tall Tale Teller \$10

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Augusta, Ga.—A tall tale of a battle against the Japanese in the South Pacific has brought ten extra dollars to the pocket of S/Sgt. Elgie Brasher, patient at the Oliver General Hospital.

Brasher's story was picked as one of the taller of the "Tall Tales" on the Kate Smith hour last Sunday night. Although the sergeant wasn't listening in at the time, a buddy

heard the program and told him about his good fortune.

The story ran like this: "A U. S. task force was bearing down on a strong unit of ground and sea-borne forces located on a coral atoll somewhere south of the equator. The enemy units were strong and determined and had slipped past the American force for several days before. They were now at anchor in Circular Lagoon.

"The lagoon was surrounded by tiny coral isles supporting ground troops and heavy coast artillery. Near the center of the wheel-shaped lagoon was a large, flat island which had an ammo dump, oil storages and docking facilities for the fleet. There were very few passages through which ocean-going vessels could pass and their passes were not deep enough for American ships.

"The American force drew up on the south side of the atoll and started disembarking troops. As they neared the beaches they were subjected to murderous shell-fire from the enemy flotilla and coastal batteries and fixed defenses. The guns on shore kept the American forces too far away to get any hits on the enemy fleet anchored near the center island. So the American landing groups were taking a heavy beating.

"The fight didn't remain in the enemy's favor for long. The genius of the Americans went to work. The American Naval vessels dispersed all around the atoll, pointed their bows to an isle and went full steam ahead toward each isle they had picked. They moved in fast, put their bows to the beaches of the isles and kept pushing. The isles began to move toward the center closing the deep passes and joining all the isles in one circle of coral and sand as the Jap Navy in the center started to sing, 'Don't Fence Me In.' The Jap ships, heretofore out of range of our ships, were now a bull's eye.

"The ground troops swarmed ashore knocking out the ground defenses. Meanwhile, the sailors and Marines swarmed ashore over the circular isle and to the inside beach bearing torpedoes with them. They placed the torpedoes in the water, aimed at the center island and fleet. At the same time the U. S. Naval guns were laid on the fleet in the center. A terrific explosion evolved and the air in the center was filled with flying steel. There's more than one way to get a job done and this is just one instance of Army-Navy cooperation in the Pacific. This story would be rather hard to believe and you would have to be there to really appreciate it."

# Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—A reception in honor of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, and Mrs. Stilwell was held at the Officers' Club of the Army War College during the past week. The affair was attended by officers on duty at Army Ground Forces Headquarters and the Army War College.

Appointment of Brig. Gen. William E. Bergin, OSC, as chief of the Ground Special Information Section and the Ground Technical Information Section, was announced by General Stilwell this week. General Bergin, who served in the then China-Burma-India theater for nearly three years, will also continue his duties in the office of the Chief of Staff of this headquarters.

Officers recently assigned to headquarters include Brig. Gen. Frederick McCabe, USA; Maj. Paul E. Carney, Infantry, and Maj. Manford R. Murphy, FA, all of whom are assigned to duty in the Ground G-3 Section.

The Air Trooper, an experimental airplane built by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, was on exhibition on the grounds of the Army War College this week for officers of the headquarters. Several demonstration flights were made over the War College.

A method of instructing in map reading particularly adapted to men of low intelligence quotients was demonstrated in the Army War College auditorium by personnel of the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL.—The Armored School's own unique version of radio's popular Town Hall and Information Please programs was recently inaugurated in a Fort Knox, Ky., theater. Designed to orient students to combat experience, the program brought to the stage a board of four "experts," all of whom had seen

considerable fighting in the present war. The program got going with four 10-minute talks by the "board of experts," after which enlisted students in the audience fired questions at the experts. The program proved to be an interesting and lively way to put across battle lessons to the students. It will be continued weekly.

Armored Officer Candidate School's first Tank Destroyer-Cavalry class was graduated March 24. Tank Destroyer and Cavalry Officer Candidate Schools were combined

with Armored OCS last November. Tank Destroyer OCS had previously been located at Camp Hood, Tex., and Cavalry OCS at Fort Riley, Kan.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER.—Rampaging flood waters of the Ohio River, which blanketed some of the most vital training areas of the ARTC recently, failed to halt normal training schedules. It was announced by the office of Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, commanding general.

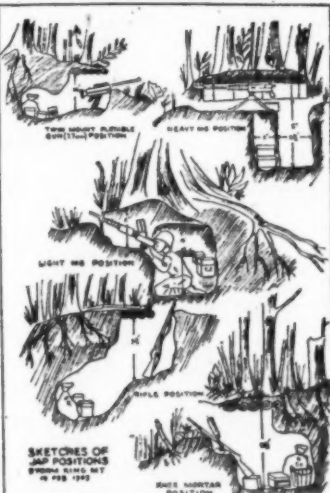
HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.—Lt. Col. Percy H. Brown, Jr., was recently assigned as chief of the Equipment and Materiel Section, Headquarters, Armored Center, it was announced by Maj. Gen. C. L. Scott, commanding general.

HEADQUARTERS, CAVALRY SCHOOL.—Capt. George G. Bonnyman has reported for duty with the Staff and Faculty of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kan., and has been assigned to the Department of Horsemanship.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Col. James E. Samouce, Executive of school troops of the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., has been transferred to the 431st Field Artillery Group, Camp Gruber, Okla. Colonel Samouce was formerly S-3 of the Field Artillery School.

Other recent transfers include Lt. Col. Dalles J. Oyster, assistant S-3, who was assigned to the 618th Field Artillery Observation Battalion at Camp Gruber.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—The new four weeks' course, recently initiated by the AAA School, has proved of great value to the anti-aircraft officer who formerly has dealt only with one type of weapon in overseas or domestic installations. Keynote of the course is the practical application of the classroom work with a two-day demonstration.



CAVE POSITIONS occupied by Japs in Storm King Mountains in the Zambales Range, which controlled the gateway to Manila, made the going tough for the 40th Infantry Division, but the Nips were finally blasted from their fortifications. These caves were mutually supporting and were reduced by infantry assaults and direct artillery fire.

## Cpl. Is Transferred So He Can Serve As Brother's Altar Boy

WITH THE AMERICAN 7TH ARMY, in France. — The experts claim the possibility of this happening twice in the Army is about one in a million. Capt. Edward A. Trower, Catholic Chaplain of an Engineer Combat Group of 7th Army, has as his altar boy, assistant and jeep driver, his brother, Cpl. Gerard Trower.

Corporal Trower came overseas with the Engineers of the 103rd Division some six months ago. When Captain Trower arrived several months later he immediately began checking on the whereabouts of his brother. At the same time he was looking for a qualified assistant. Finally, he found his brother. The two talked things over and as a result Corporal Trower was transferred to his brother's outfit as his assistant.

## Rescues Six

WITH THE 80TH DIVISION, in Germany. — Although wounded in the leg, Pvt. Patrick Moreschi, of Everett, Mass., swam the whirling waters of the Sauer River to evacuate six wounded 80th Division riflemen.



## Movie Pix Man Is Lucky Guy; Has Choice Foxhole Seats For Combat

WITH THE 13TH CORPS, in Germany.—For his thorough and courageous motion picture coverage of the operations of the 13th Corps' smashing drives from west of the Roer River to the banks of the Rhine, T/5 Gideon F. Ebers, of Packanack, N. J., has been personally cited by Maj. Gen. A. C. Gillem, Jr., Corps' Commander.

Member of the Combat Assignment Unit No. 122, Army Signal Photo Service, Ebers has found his role as historical recorder of the Allied events in the ETO a noisy, thrilling, far-traveled job.

Since he first set foot on French

soil, in Sept., 1944, T/5 Ebers has been cranking off thrill-packed footage equalling thousands of yards, from the 94th Division's assault on St. Nazaire and Lorient in Brittany, to the recent power-packed smash to the Rhine by the 13th Corps' troops. His film has been shown to the news-reel viewers in the States, to military leaders for study, and stored for use as historical records.

Shooting from foxhole positions, from low-flying observation planes, or from moving jeeps, Ebers has grown accustomed to finding his pictorial missions running him in

line of enemy fire, and he has "shot" Jerry with his lens as capably as has the doughboy.

### Roer Crossing Biggest Thrill

He lists his camera coverage on the Roer River crossing by this corps as his biggest combat thrill. Stationed in a shell-torn house on the edge of the Roer, Ebers had a grandstand seat for what military experts state was the most concentrated artillery barrage in history, achieved when all the available guns in the sector shattered the night with continuous, increasing and ever-penetrating flaming fire. The next morning Ebers continued his recording of the operations when he filmed the bridging of the Roer by the Corps' engineers, and the ferrying of Infantry troops by the engineers. The next few days proved to be one rushing chase in his keeping up with the tremendous pace set, but cameraman Ebers shot the entire march.

### Gliders Fly Wounded From Back Of Lines

WITH THE 1ST ARMY, in Germany.—Described as a new and important phase of Army medical history, wounded soldiers are now being flown in gliders from behind the battle lines and sent in but a few minutes to evacuation hospitals 50 or more miles behind the lines.

In the initial flight of the glider-ambulance service, doughboys wounded in the Remagen bridge-head fighting in the morning were evacuated, treated and had noon luncheon at a hospital.

The gliders serve a dual purpose. Towed into battle areas, they carry 4000 pounds of medical supplies. On the return trip, they transport wounded.



—Signal Corps Photo

LAUNCHER for "Screaming Meemies" was captured from the Germans near Erpel, Germany, and is being examined by Pvt. Arthur Daigle, of Methuen, Mass., and Pfc. Arnold Potts, of Washington, Ind., members of the 634th A.A. (AW) Bn., of the 1st Army. In the background, Pfc. Alexander Wacmen, of Milwaukee, Wis., stands by his 50-cal. multiple-mount machine guns.

## 'Guts Of Our Doughboys' Are Yank Secret Weapons

WASHINGTON.—The war-winning "secret weapon" of the Americans is not a secret, it's "the guts of our doughboys" in the opinion of T/5 Chester T. Lepak, a company aid man, home on furlough after service on the battlefields of North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany.

"The Jerries placed a lot of confidence in their 'secret weapons,' but I can tell you that we have a better weapon than any of them, and it's no secret," Lepak said in an interview made public by the War Department.

"I mean, the guts of our doughboys. That's something the Germans can't equal. And it's the quality, above everything else, that is winning the war for us."

Lepak, a resident of Gilby, N. D.,

said that the tougher things get for the Infantrymen, the more evident their courage becomes.

"No matter how badly they're hit, it seems to be S.O.P. (standard operating procedure) with them to tell a medic that someone else is hurt worse than they are and to fix up the other fellow first."

Lepak's most memorable battle is the Battle of El Guettar where he "figured that if I had come through that, I'd probably come through almost anything." His pet peeve is the German robot bomb.

"It's the aimless and the suddenness of the Nazi 'terror bomb' that give a man the 'willies,' he said. "I don't think the robot bombs are of much value in a military sense, but I happened to be in an area that caught quite a plastering from them—and I didn't like them."

## Rum-Happy German Misses His Signal; Tigers Take Bridge

WITH THE 10TH ARMORED "TIGER" DIVISION, Somewhere in Germany.—A Nazi Nero, who sat in a barroom while enemy forces smashed toward the position he was supposed to protect, fiddled just long enough with his glass to enable the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division to capture, intact, the strategically important Romer Bridge across the Mosel River at Trier. Before the drunken officer could give the order to blow the bridge, Task Force Richardson, of the 10th, had taken it—and him—and established a bridgehead from which later offensives were to be launched.

Befuddled as he was, however, the officer was sober enough to lead Richardson's men to 11 other officers with whom he had been drinking, reasoning that if they were taken prisoners they would never be able to "talk" and thus reveal his gross neglect of duty.

## Spends Battle Rest Passing Out Medals To 3d Inf. Division

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, 7TH ARMY, France.—During a period of nine days, while the division was undergoing a brief respite from combat duty, the 3rd Infantry Division awards section handed out 1553 medals, or one for every 10 men in the division.

At least one medal of every category in the present-day book, except Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, was awarded.

Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, division commander, presented all but 391 medals, which were awarded artillerymen by Brig. Gen. William Sexton, artillery commander.

## Get Furlough Jobs

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Soldiers visiting Los Angeles on pass or furlough are helping relieve a critical labor shortage by taking jobs in meat packing houses to provide beef for military animals.

## Soldier's Travelogue Includes 12 Countries And 8 World Tours

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—Pvt. Eric Lindgren, 32-year-old soldier of fortune, who has already been around the world eight times, is one doughboy who has already hung his hat in both Tokyo and Berlin!

Lindgren has visited and lived in 128 countries—all but two nations on the face of the earth. At the age of 14 he went to sea with a Swedish merchant ship and started his world tours that landed him fighting with the Loyalists in Spain and later with the Finns in 1939. The outbreak of the European war found him in Germany, but he fled

to the Philippines via France and Casablanca, there joining the Australian army.

While an Aussie GI, he married the daughter of an American colonel, was captured while fighting on Luzon, surviving the "March of Death" and later escaping. From there he came to this country, volunteered for the U. S. Army, and spent a year in the Aleutians.

Private Lindgren was with Co. B, Casual Bn., IRTC, but has left Maxey for a special assignment to the ETO, and to start his ninth trip around the world.

## Shoot Many Nips, Never Killed One

WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, East of Manila.—1st Lt. Bob Gilman and Sgt. Bob Wendlinger, both of New York City, have probably shot more Japs than any line trooper in the Pacific, but they haven't gotten medals for it.

Both are Army Signal Corps photographers who have covered front line action by American troops all over the Pacific. In hun-

dreds of U. S. newspapers have appeared their pictures of fighting at Bougainville, Munda, Vella La Vella and the D-Day pictures at Sansapor, Morotai, Leyte and Luzon.

"Combat photography is no cinch," says Lieutenant Gilman. "There's only one way to get good front-line action shots—and that's to be in the front lines! We've been lucky. Never had any

wounded, but there have been some close ones.

"A few days ago I stood up to get a good angle on a cavalryman in a foxhole. I felt a slight 'ping' on my hip, but ignored it. Later I reached for my canteen and found a bullet hole torn in it? The water had deflected the bullet and I wasn't scratched."

Sergeant Wendlinger, too, will have something to talk about after the war. "Once I tried getting out ahead of the troops and taking them head on as they launched an attack. I won't try it again. I got the picture, but I almost got shot!"

The two men are members of Signal Corps Combat Photo Unit No. 9. Since coming overseas in 1943 they have taken close to 100,000 feet of movie film, and thousands of still pictures.

"Toughest campaign we've had was on Leyte," says Lieutenant Gilman. "I never did like having to sweat out those day and night air raids."

"But the best shots we've gotten," puts in Sergeant Wendlinger, "are the ones on Luzon. We got hundreds of shots of the liberation of Manila, and now we're getting good combat stuff with the cavalry in the hills."



—Signal Corps Photo

"SONS OF BITCHE," the high-jinx show patterned after Minsky Burlesque and "Helzapoppin," has been voted uproariously entertaining by the bearded men of the foxholes, for whose benefit it has been presented just behind the lines. It's an all-soldier cast—clerks, ammunition drivers and supply men—even the regimental Red Cross worker—of the Service Co., 398th Inf. Regt., 100th Infantry Division, 7th Army.

## General Hazlett Says Training Is Thorough

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—Replying to criticisms that youthful replacements were being sent into battle in Europe unprepared, authorities here declared that the Army prefers young men in the 18-to-20-year group for the ground forces, and asserted that they are being given thorough training before they are sent overseas.

Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, commander of the Replacement School Command, said that the schedule in effect four years ago, before the United States entered the war, has had to be changed very little as result of battle experience, and that a longer period would not materially improve the quality of training being given now.

Emphasizing that trainees are being sent over as individuals to replace battle losses by units already in one or another of the active theaters, General Hazlett said: "If a replacement sent out from one of our centers is put in the type of

unit for which he is trained, in numbers which can reasonably be absorbed and is there long enough for his unit leaders to learn his name, he is ready to go."

General Hazlett also pointed out that even a thoroughly trained replacement is not a full-fledged soldier until he has been in battle, and that final training must be carried out by the unit under actual battlefield conditions.

## Odds Now 9 To 1 On Wounded Vets Fully Recovering

HEADQUARTERS, 21ST ARMY GROUP.—Army doctors and surgeons have won such a victory against the injuries and diseases that took such a huge toll in World War 1 that a wounded soldier's chances of survival on the Western Front are now 9 to 1 in his favor.

Statistics show that of the first 50,000 wounded men evacuated from the Continent after D-Day, only 200 had died, and combat surgical teams virtually have eliminated threat of gas gangrene and complications from burns; quick blood transfusions and extended use of penicillin have improved life-saving methods; 70 percent of soldiers suffering stomach wounds are saved and one-fourth return to active duty; save 90 percent of lung, head and brain wound cases; 95 percent of cases where amputation is necessary; a 6 in 1000 pneumonia death rate as compared to an approximate 20 per 1000 for civilians, and a 1 in 1000 death rate for diphtheria as against a 4 in 1000 average for civilians.

## 40th Inf. Division Given Praise For Aid To MacArthur

WITH THE 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on Luzon.—Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, commanding general, 14th Corps, has commended the 40th Infantry Division for its fighting with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Luzon liberation forces during January and February.

The 40th Division, composed mainly of former National Guardsmen of California, Utah and New York, but with replacements from the 48 states, opened the gateway to Manila by securing the mountains dominating Clark Field.



# Spray Gun Now Deadly M2 Carbine

WASHINGTON.—A new battle-tested modification making it possible for the carbine to be fired automatically is proving effective in the house-to-house fighting along the Rhine, the War Department announces.

In the early days of the invasion the new M2 Carbine was used to spray hedgerows in the breakthrough Normandy operation. In Brest, France, a platoon sergeant of a rifle company fired 1200 rounds in two hours with his M2 Carbine, making it impossible for an enemy machine-gunner in a house in a dead-end street to interfere with the steady progress of our troops.

As originally developed in 1941,

the caliber .30 M1 Carbine was intended as a replacement for the pistol. The carbine weighed less than five and one-half pounds and had a magazine holding 15 rounds. As this weapon came into extended use, a better sight was called for and promptly manufactured. It then became apparent that a bayonet could be used to advantage and, by a slight modification, the standard trench knife was made to serve a dual purpose. A grenade launcher was subsequently developed and the carbine became capable of filling all

the missions of a rifle at short range.

As the pace of the war accelerated and as our troops encountered new types of terrain and new enemy tactics, the need for more firepower was foreseen. Anticipating this need, a further development of the carbine was started by the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces, in May, 1944. Twenty-one days later a modification had been accomplished by which full automatic fire could also be delivered by a trip of the selector, and the carbine would continue firing at the rate of 750 rounds per minute until the trigger was released or the magazine was empty. By reverse movement of the selector, semiautomatic fire, as in the original model, was again possible.

## Two Soldiers To Hang For Murder Of Aged Italian

ROME.—Two young American soldiers, Werner E. Schmiedel, 22, of Allentown, Pa., and James W. Adams, 23, of Oklahoma City, Okla., were sentenced this week to hang for the murder of an elderly Italian in a wine-shop robbery that netted \$15.

A court of eight Army officers convicted the two men, largely on their own testimony, after 40 minutes of deliberation. The verdict was unanimous.

Adams told the court that he and Schmiedel were "broke" on Oct. 10, 1944, and "decided to go out and rob an Italian." Schmiedel said they had been drinking and the gun he held went off accidentally. Schmiedel, who used a number of aliases here, including Robert Lane, was known as the leader of "the Lane gang."

## Labor-Industry Leaders Devise Post-War Guide

WASHINGTON.—Leading spokesmen for industry and labor have succeeded in drawing up a code of principles designed to guide the actions of each and avoid a costly struggle after the war.

Ending a series of conferences held over a period of several months, leaders announced the plan this week. It was signed by Eric Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The formula is said to include a mutual recognition of the rights and duties of management and unions, an acknowledgement that collective bargaining is an obligation of employers and that it also entails responsibilities on the part of employees and their spokesmen.

## PGC Vets Form Organization

TEHERAN, Iran.—Formation of the Veterans of the Persian Gulf Command, an organization to perpetuate achievements of this overseas theater in moving vital war supplies to Soviet Russia, was announced here recently with T/4



ELEPHANT LOGGING OPERATIONS on the banks of the Irrawaddy River, in North Burma, excite the interest of Miss Janet Schwartzman, of Newton Highlands, Mass., a Red Cross Club worker.

## Equipment Losses In ETO Total 1/2 Billion

WASHINGTON.—Ordnance losses since D-Day in the European Theater of Operations for both U. S. Army Groups have recently been estimated as 6205 combat vehicles, 34,250 general purpose vehicles, 166,885 rifles and other small arms, 23,871 mortars and machine guns and 75,245 binoculars, watches and compasses.

These losses must be made good by immediate increased production on the home front.

Ordnance Headquarters officers explained that a piece of damaged equipment of the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces, is declared a battle loss and written off as scrap only when it is no longer repairable or has been captured by the enemy. The majority of Ordnance losses in Europe have been in the first category.

### Ammunition Not Included

Battle losses of the items cited total \$500,000,000 in American production. F. O. B. our Ordnance plants and factories on the home front. No account has been taken of thousands of other items and spare parts, nor of ammunition expenditures.

The dollar value of Ordnance battle losses ranges from \$600,000 for watches to nearly \$200,000,000 for tanks, the latter being one of the highest priced single pieces of major equipment in the Ordnance catalogue.

Loss rates for individual Ord-

nance items vary greatly. Items having the lowest loss rates are heavy trucks and artillery. Few of these have been captured by the enemy and Ordnance field service greatly extends their useful life by replacing worn-out gun barrels, truck engines and other component assemblies.

### Loss Rates Lower

Comparison of Ordnance battle losses reveals lower actual loss rates for many items in December, when most U. S. forces were engaged in repelling von Rundstedt's counter-offensive, than in July, month of the successful drive out of Normandy. Where losses were double in December compared with July, numbers of weapons and vehicles employed were fully three times as great.

Enemy equipment captured or destroyed far exceeds total U. S. battle losses. For example, the U. S. 3rd Army has reported about twice as many Panzer tanks captured or known to have been destroyed as their own battle losses. Also, General Patton's men have destroyed or captured 17 pieces of enemy artillery for every one lost.

## Steals GI's Violin; Judge Regrets Can't Impose Life Sentence

NEW YORK.—Judge John J. Sullivan, imposing sentence of 15 to 30 months' imprisonment on Nathan Weggenheim for stealing a soldier-musician's \$2000 violin, expressed regret that the law did not permit him to send the thief to prison for life.

"In any other country, this crime would have meant your shooting in 48 hours," said the judge.

Pvt. Irving Pink was one of 28 soldiers playing with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, and the violin was stolen while the GIs were dining in a restaurant. Soldiers captured the thief after a chase and turned him over to the police.

## Lip-Reading Teacher Gets Wac Commission

WASHINGTON.—Under a War Department directive authorizing direct commission for persons having skills needed in the Army's rehabilitation program, Wac Cpl. Elizabeth English Benson, of Frederick, Md., on Tuesday received a commission as second lieutenant.

For more than a year, she has been teaching lip-reading to deafened soldiers at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Okla. She formerly was assistant professor of speech at Gallaudet College in Washington.

## GI Hits Jackpot

WITH THE 14TH ARMORED DIVISION, 7TH ARMY, France.

—Want to pick up a couple of yards of fresh scratch? Pfc. Richard Milhem, of Johnstown, Pa., cannoner in the 501st Armored Field Artillery, 14th Armored Division, has a pretty good method for getting it—he didn't even have to do anything.

Back home, Wilhem's mother purchased a \$18.75 War Bond in his name and entered it in a local contest. Milhem's was the first bond drawn and he won a \$1000 War Bond.



—Signal Corps Photo

FANCY GERMAN MUG makes the German beer taste pretty good to Pfc. Grant Crawford, Moline, Ill., when Co. A, 301st Engrs., 26th Infantry Division, Third Army, arrived at Wittlich, Germany.

## Nazi Mouths Off; He Saves Many GI Lives

WITH THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—A German soldier talked. As a result, numerous American lives were saved. He told a civilian that the north bridge over the Rhine to Dusseldorf, was to be blown at 9:30 a.m. and that he was hurrying to get away from the onrushing Yanks.

At 9:30, Capt. Wilfred Barber of Oklahoma City, Okla., company

commander of A Co., 331st Infantry, was leading his men to it. They had travelled 10 miles during the night, battling most of the way, to reach the objective. Now they were anxious to drive across it in pursuit of the fleeing enemy.

There was a moment of indecision when the civilian rushed up yelling, "Nix, nix," as the doughs were about to pile on to the bridge. An interpreter talked briefly with the wildly gesticulating German. He told the captain what the man had to say about the time of the proposed bridge-blowing.

While the company commander was wondering whether to take the man at his word, there was a thunderous explosion—proving that at least one German is capable of telling the truth.

## Free Draft Violators; Can Battle Or Labor

WASHINGTON.—James V. Bennett, director of Federal Prisons, disclosed in his annual report this week that Selective Service and his office have worked out a plan whereby certain draft violators are being released from prison so they may enter armed forces or engage in useful work.

The plan affects conscientious objectors, 18 through 37 years of age, who have served 60 or more days of their sentences and are classified by a special draft board as available in one of three categories—for combat military service, noncombat military service or civilian work of "national importance." The board will submit its recommendations to the Attorney General through the Bureau of Prisons for action.

## Expect Senate To Give Its Okay To Draft Extension

WASHINGTON.—Devoid of "the teeth" that had made it objectionable to organized labor, farm and some industrial groups, the bill to extend life of the Draft for another year passed the House in five minutes, without a record vote, and is expected to get like treatment in the Senate.

Senate committee already has placed its stamp of approval on continuing the law until not later than May 15, 1946.

While the House measure carries no reference to more extended training for inductees, Capitol Hill reports say such legislation will be brought up in separate legislation.

## 17 Get Commissions In Wildcat Division

WITH THE 81ST DIVISION, in the Pacific.—Seventeen combat-proved warrant officers and non-coms of this Division recently received direct appointment to commissioned rank at special ceremonies.

The insignia of rank were pinned on the new officers by Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller, Wildcat Division Commander.

## Knew His Daddy's Voice From Phonograph Records

TACOMA, Wash.—"That's my daddy," said the little 3-year-old son of Lt. Kenneth Pinnon, of Portland, Ore., though he had never before seen his father who came home the other day after long service in the South Pacific.

Lieutenant Pinnon had sent home phonograph recordings of his voice which had been played to the child by his mother.



By T/5 Lee Demulling, Hq. Btry, 342th Armd, F. A. Bn.



# TIG In China Buck Unsurveyed Wilds To Teach Modern Warfare

**CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, China.**—American Army officers and enlisted men engaged in teaching the Chinese the methods of modern warfare, are frequently called upon to undergo the same hardships and utilize the same travel and transportation methods as the first American frontiersmen in Indian warfare in the American West. This is particularly true of the traveling instructional groups of the American military mission to China, which have been working with the Chinese troops for more than a year.

Members of these TIGs, as they are called, have to travel by any available means of transportation to the place where the Chinese troops they are to train may be stationed. Often this will be hundreds of miles distant from the American headquarters in China, with no modern roads, railroads or other way to reach the locality where the Chinese happen to be, except on foot.

From their point of departure at a city on the Burma Road, one TIG group of 20 Americans and six Chinese interpreters with their "kulis" and "ma fus" moved a distance of some 600 miles to their destination in southwest China traveling for 52 days, with the greater part of the distance over narrow, rocky mountain trails or through fetid jungle growth.

## Travel On Foot

The pack train of 258 animals with their coolie attendants, men and women traveled the entire distance on foot. Some members of the main party went a short distance by train, meeting the pack train at the end of the railroad line and there, too, taking up the foot journey which was to last for almost two months.

Some halts were made in villages along the way, but the usual distance traveled daily was 15 to 20 miles. On one day 31 miles were covered. The party bivouacked at night along the trail, in the jungle, or near Chinese or Shan tribesmen's villages.

Pack animals used by the party on their long trek to the Burma border were of the typical Chinese pony variety and mules—small, tough little beasts of burden.

At the larger towns along the

trails the local magistrates and Chinese Army officers entertained and dined the Americans. Sump-tuous Chinese feasts were prepared in some towns, with townspeople bringing presents of fruits, vegetables, meat and eggs.

## Mountains and Jungles

Though the average elevation was only 4000 feet above sea level it was continuous mountain and jungle country with no sizeable valleys. The entire area is unsurveyed, mostly unmapped, covered with a dense wild vegetation and constantly damp. Clothes members of the party were wearing in some cases rotted. For some months the party's principal articles of diet were rice and sweet potatoes and following the example of the natives, the Americans sampled boiled grass and found it not dissimilar to spinach.

Wild game abounds in this zoological garden of nature. One captain reported, "Leopard's meat is not so bad to eat." Wild pig and quail were plentiful along the trail as well as in the locality in which the Americans were later stationed. There is deer, the so-called barking deer and the large Sambur deer, tigers, Himalayan bears, wild duck and geese, jungle chickens and even elephants.

Tigers killed two Chinese soldiers in the area and some civilians in the first 10 months the Americans were in the area.

The native population is largely

made up of Shan tribespeople of the same type as throughout the Shan states in Northern Burma. There are other interesting tribespeople such as the Kaws (Akaws), who bedeck themselves with heavy silver-trimmed headdresses, gaily colored beads and embroidery work.

## Peaceful Natives

The Shans are a peaceful, attractive people, largely agricultural who live in houses built on stilts in the jungle fringing their rice paddy fields. The women wear vividly colored skirts or "longys" and silver bedecked dark blue jackets and white or black turbans wound in many turns about their heads.

Prices are high in this corner of China and food is not too plentiful. The Shan people grow largely the glutinous or "sticky" rice, there are few varieties of vegetables and meat is usually scarce. Malaria of the deadly malignant subtropical variety has infected practically all of the local population and newcomers suffer from it during the wet monsoon season from May to October.

The original pack train took to its destination sufficient supplies to set up a school to train the Chinese soldiers stationed on the border and instruction is given in all types of infantry training—care and use of weapons, tactics, ordinance, signal work, veterinary and medical care.

# "Scared" Troops Shake Off Fright In First Skirmish

**WASHINGTON.**—Replacement troops going into their first combat "are always half scared to death from stories men in the rear areas" tell them, but lose their fright and become battle-wise after their first skirmish, according to 1st Sgt. Lemuel Jensen, Jr., of Currie, Minn., now home from the western front on a 30-day furlough.

Sergeant Jensen said the new reinforcements were "scared" by stories "about the horrors of combat, but they soon learned that battle wasn't quite as bad as they had at first imagined."

"In the infantry most men become battle-wise after their first skirmish," he said. "They have the training and all they need is a little

combat experience to begin operating like veterans."

The 25-year-old "top kick" of the 90th Infantry Division was decorated three times for his actions on the battlefields. When the Nazis were battling desperately to keep open the Falaise Gap in France he reorganized and commanded two platoons of his company after all of the officers became casualties.



—Signal Corps Photo

**AFTER PRESENTATION of a Presidential Citation to the 115th Regiment for its D-Day storming of the Normandy Beachhead, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, Commanding General of the 29th Infantry Division, Ninth Army, accepted a colorful salute of the Regiment.**

# General Walker Salutes Gallant Texas Division

**FORT BENNING, Ga.**—"The enemy will never forget the 36th Division," declared Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of the Infantry School, last week in a radio broadcast from Dallas, Tex.

General Walker, who commanded the 36th prior to coming to the Infantry School, said: "The gallant men of the 36th Division were the first American troops to storm ashore on the mainland of Europe against experienced German troops. Their outstanding success at Salerno will some day be pointed to the military leaders of the future as an example to be emulated—of dash, courage and soldierly initiative. The brilliant and clever night attacks of the three Infantry regiments at Maggioro, Lungo, San Pietro and Sammucro have never been passed in inception nor execution nor gallantry by any troops of any nation anywhere."

"In honor of the living and dead, the men of the 36th Division, I wish to simply say to their relatives and friends that there never have been

any soldiers who have endured great hardships more cheerfully, carried out their directives more loyally, fought their difficult battles more gallantly. The heroic men who no longer stand in the ranks with their comrades are nevertheless with them in spirit. It is with great personal pride and appreciation that I salute the men of the gallant Texas Division."

# Soldier At Sill Collects Sigs Of World Big Shots

**FORT SILL, Okla.**—Rapidly climbing to top-flight fame, as a signature collector is Pvt. George Merle Johnson, Jr., who now has the autographs of more than 1000 of the world's big shots in his prized album.

The Johnson collection is the more remarkable because it has been obtained in less than two years. Through a girl friend, who had inherited an autograph album, he became interested and began his correspondence campaign leading to his acquirement of signatures of notables.

Private Johnson, who is with the 3815th Service Unit, Prisoner of War Camp, started his collection on Jan. 7, 1943, when he went to Washington for the opening of the 78th Congress. As a guest of the late Senator Frederick Van Nuys, he attended the joint session, obtained the signatures of a number of Senators and Representatives and followed up by obtaining the autograph of President Roosevelt.

The Johnson collection now includes signatures of members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Gen. George C. Marshall and other military leaders; eight governors and many radio, movie and stage stars.

Autographs of foreign dignitaries include King George II of Greece; President Vargas of Brazil; Madam Chiang Kai-Shek; President Comacho of Mexico; Dr. Carl Hambro, president of the Norwegian parliament; Prime Minister MacKenzie King, of Canada; President Batista, of Cuba, and ex-King Carol of Rumania.

# Many Awards To 2d Engr. Brigade

**LEYTE, P. I.**—The 2nd Engineer Special Brigade claims a prominent spot among the heavily decorated outfits of the Army.

In addition to Presidential Citations awarded two units, men of the Brigade have received the following decorations since 1943:

One Medal of Honor, 4 Distinguished Service Crosses, 10 Legion of Merits, 44 Silver Stars, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Silver Star, 250 Bronze Stars, 11 Soldier's Medals, 564 Purple Hearts and 15 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart.

# Coming Of Cutoff Convoy Brings Joy To Tengchung

**KUNMING, China.**—First convoy over the Tengchung cutoff of the Burma Road, a shortline emergency route, arrived here from Assam on Feb. 20, under command of Capt. Richard C. Gales, Rochester, N. Y., aide-de-camp of Maj. Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general of Services of Supply, China Theater.

The short route from Myitkyna on Ledo Road to Lungling on the Burma Road cuts more than 100 miles from the more southerly route of the Stilwell Highway.

First test trucks completed a trip

over the route on Jan. 22, and Captain Gales reports much progress has been made since that date by the 10,000 Chinese working with hand hoes and bamboo baskets on the road and the Burma Road Engineers, a small but highly efficient unit of U. S. Forces in China.

Tengchung, an important point on the convoy route and city which was liberated from Japanese occupation by Chinese troops under Gen. Wei Li-Huang in the Salween campaign, gave the convoy a tremendous ovation. Magistrate Lu and Col. Robert F. Seedlock, Lakewood, O., commanding officer of the Burma Road Engineers, drove out to meet the convoy and escorted it into the walled city. The American vehicles, decked with flags, drove through a guard of honor of Chinese troops at present arms. The drivers were welcomed by four Chinese general officers. Then ensued a two-hour parade through city streets and around the ancient walls. This was about noon. Early that evening there was a huge Chinese dinner for the convoy drivers and men and officers of the Burma Road Engineers. Later all were guests at a Chinese opera with an interpreter furnished for each American.

# Red Cross Girls 'Mother' Frightened Green Captain

**PARIS.**—Red Cross girls, whose experience had made them accustomed to gunfire, "mothered" a frightened captain, who was undergoing his first real battle experience, when Nazi commandos raided the port of Granville, France, on March 9.

Miss Martha Harrold, of New York, with two friends, took refuge on the beach after Nazis had attempted to break into the house where they were staying. There they found the trembling captain.

"The other girls and I put him between us to warm him, and gave him a pep talk," Miss Harrold said.



—By Sgt. Jerry Chamberlain, Camp Blanding, Fla.

"Bring my uniform, Honey, the furlough's over . . ."



# Post-Hostility Study Program Ready For Veterans In Europe

LONDON. — Arrangements have been concluded by the United States Army for 20 of Great Britain's leading universities to admit a limited number of American soldiers for three months study courses in the post-hostility period in Europe. Cambridge, Oxford, the Universities of London, Leeds, Glasgow and Edinburgh are among them.

Similar plans have been made with continental universities to admit Americans who may be in France, Holland or Belgium at the end of the war, according to an announcement made here. At the rate of about 2500 enrollees every three months, 10,000 American men and women will be able to take courses in one year.

## Plan Own Universities

Plans are also underway for establishing three American universities abroad; two in England and at least one in France. They will be staffed by the best former professors and teachers in the Army.

Entrance requirements will be comparable to those in the United States and credits will be trans-

ferable for degrees, it is understood.

A complete information and education schedule has been prepared to keep men occupied in the post-war hostility period and to bridge the gap between war and peacetime jobs.

The present voluntary system of unit or battalion schools will be expanded to include a wider variety of classes which will be required in the regular line of duty as hostilities cease. Every soldier in every rank will have a chance to participate.

## Avoid 1918 Situation

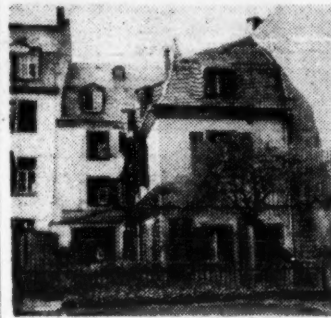
The plans were formulated, Army officers said, to avoid a repetition of the situation in 1918 when thousands of soldiers returned to America "sour on Europe and sour on the Army." The aim of the broad program this time is to return home a great number of trained citizens "who know the political and economic structure of Europe and realize that the door must never again be closed on the continent."

Within 30 days after hostilities cease unit schools will be expanded

with more courses, more teachers and an additional staff to function as vocational counselors and education advisers and institute and laboratory teachers.

The Army estimates that 1,000,000 men who will be mustered out of the Army during the first year after victory in Europe will spend half of their on-duty time prior to discharge in study classes.

A soldier waiting for a ship to return him to the United States may, with his commanding officer's permission, enroll at a British or continental university for a three-month course, but will be required to complete the course before sailing.



—Signal Corps Photo

SHRINE of music is this birthplace of Beethoven, as it appeared after the City of Bonn, Germany, had been taken by the U. S. 1st Army.

## Needs Protection: Yank Says Aussie Gals Are Best Lookers

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Lt. Donald M. Detry, Chicago bombardier back from one fight in the Pacific with the 5th Air Force, is willing to stick his neck out and start another fight.

## Army Is Getting The Best People

MISSISSIPPI ORDNANCE PLANT, Fla., Miss.—Sgt. Bill Jones, chief clerk of the POR section at Post Hq., looked up from his stack of papers and made the following cheering announcement:

"I don't see how we can lose this war—all the right people are on our side.

"My records show that we recently POR-ed T/5 Eugene St. Peter and Pvt. Christ Poulor-

ous."

"Australian women," said the self-styled connoisseur of femininity, here now at AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 to receive a new duty assignment after completing 44 missions (aerial combat) overseas, "are more attractive than American beauties.

"Taken at face value," added the bombardier, "the average Australian girl is head and shoulders above the run-of-the-mill crop here in the States."

His accuracy as a judge of feminine beauty is, no doubt, subject to questioning—by American women.

When cornered, however, Detry pulled his neck in—just a little. "If I ever get married," he said, "it'll be an American girl. They have the edge, not because of beauty, but because of education and dress and all those extra qualities which make for a good wife."



A CAREER IN LIFE INSURANCE SELLING CAN BE YOUR POSTWAR KEY TO (1) BETTER-THAN-AVERAGE EARNINGS (2) A POSITION OF STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY OF YOUR CHOICE (3) SECURITY IN RETIREMENT YEARS. TO HELP YOU GET ESTABLISHED WE'LL PAY A SALARY FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS PLUS FREE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING. WRITE NOW FOR OUR APTITUDE TEST.

## THE MUTUAL LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK

"First in America"

34 NASSAU STREET



Lewis W. Douglas, President

NEW YORK CITY 5, N.Y.

KEEP YOUR GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE

## AIR FREIGHT

Newest branch of the expanding Traffic Management Field. This widely known institution offers thorough training in:

AIR FREIGHT TRAFFIC

BASIC TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC LAW & I. C. C. PRACTICE

Ask to be placed on our Military List.

ACADEMY OF ADVANCED TRAFFIC

299 Broadway New York 7, N. Y.

## AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

FOUNDED BY CURTIS-WRIGHT

Prepare for key positions in Aeronautical Engineering, Drafting and Engine Mechanics. Short, intensive training; also degree courses. Veterans welcome. Day, eve. Send for free illustrated booklet, "Opportunities in Aviation."

DEPT. 3, 116 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO 5, ILL.

## BUSINESS TRAINING RADIO TRAINING

Come to School in Texas!

Prepare to share in post-war expansion of business-industry in the Great Southwest. T. C. C. is State approved and also approved for Veterans' training under G. I. Bill. Courses in higher accounting and all business subjects, also complete Radio School. Ideal progressive community; world's greatest oil area. Catalog free—write today.

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE  
700 S. COLLEGE AVE. TYLER, TEXAS

## SPEECH DEFECTS

Acute stammering or loss of voice corrected and normal speech restored. Dr. Martin trained all the aides who corrected "shell shocked" cases during the last war. Only residential institute recognized by the American Medical Association. Apply: Dr. Frederick Martin, Box 7, Veterans trained as specialists under G. I. Bill. National Institute of Voice Disorders BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

NOTICE: Thousands of servicemen and women are already taking home study courses for military or peacetime advantage. Others are now planning post-war study under terms of the GI Bill of Rights. WRITE FOR DETAILS.

## KEYSTONE COLLEGE

Courses available under G. I. Bill. Two-year college accredited by Middle States Assoc. Est. 1868. Co-ed. A.A. degree. Liberal arts, science, accounting, bus. adm., commerce and finance, engineering, lab. tech., merchandising, sec'l. med. sec'l. Credits transferrable. 45-acre country campus. Sports. Catalog, list special interests. Box AT, La Plume, Pa.

## Bryant B.S. DEGREE IN 2 YEARS

Many veterans are now getting Bryant's higher education in Business Administration, Accounting, Secretarial Science, 1-year diploma, special refresher courses. Dornus Co-ed. College life. U. S. A. F. I. credits accepted. Continuous enrollment. 83rd year. Catalogue. Dean of Veterans, Bryant College, Providence 6, R. I.

## NEW YORK-PHOENIX SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Thorough art training for careers available under the G. I. Bill. Advertising and Commercial Art, Magazine and Book Illustration, Textile Design, Fine Arts, Fashion Illustration. All courses under prominent artists. Catalog AT on request.

160 Lexington Ave., at 30th St. New York 16. Tel. Ca. 5-2973

## RHODES

... SAVE one or two vital years of high school study. Accelerated, intensive curriculum. Approved war-training courses. Fully accredited. Day or Evening Sessions. Co-ed. Catalog upon request. Registered by the N. Y. Board of Regents. RHODES SCHOOL. 11 West 54th Street, New York 19, N. Y. Telephone Circle 7-7640 "APPROVED FOR G. I. TRAINING"

## AVIATION INDUSTRY OF THE FUTURE:

Classes forming in Aircraft Design & Construction and Aircraft Mechanics & Maintenance. Training qualifies you for A. & E. license. Veterans eligible, may take either course under G. I. Bill. Call or write for full information and advice on your job opportunities in civilian life. ACADEMY OF AERONAUTICS, LaGuardia Field, N. Y.

## ART INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Approved for veterans. Commercial art, Industrial design, Display art, etc. All instruction individual, by 23 professional artists. Start any time. Unusual Placement Service secures paying part-time jobs while you study. Catalog: Willis Shook, Director, 446 Smithfield Bldg. Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

## POST-WAR RADIO JOB TRAINING UNDER G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS

Assure yourself a post-war job in radio-electronics. Residence school classes now in Radio-Electronics Engineering, Broadcast & Television Engineering, and Broadcast & Television Services. Enter at any time. Write for FREE Booklet on CREI residence school courses—now or after the war.

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Dept. AT, 3224 16th St., N. W. Washington 16, D. C.

## Pace Course in Accountancy SELECTED RESIDENT SCHOOLS

Only one school in a geographical center is authorized to teach the nationally used Pace Course in Accountancy and Business Administration—comprehensive work in accounting, law, applied economics, organization, and finance. For information regarding school nearest you, write BUSINESS TEXT-BOOK PUBLISHERS, INC. 225 Broadway New York 7, N. Y.

## RADIO TECHNICIAN COURSES

Consideration given to Veterans eligible for training under G. I. Bill. Write to:

AMERICAN RADIO INSTITUTE  
101 West 63d St., New York 23, N. Y.

## RADIO-TELEVISION ELECTRONICS

Prepare now for post-war opportunities. Day & Eve. Sessions. Enroll now for new classes. Consideration given to Veterans eligible for training under the G. I. Bill. RADIO-TELEVISION INSTITUTE 400 Lexington Ave., N. Y. 17 (46th St.) PLaza 3-4585 Licensed by N. Y. State

## PACKARD SCHOOL

Training for veterans. Men and women honorably discharged should inquire about Packard secretarial, bookkeeping-accounting, salesmanship and advertising training. Guidance Service. 87th year. Approved by N. Y. State Education Dept. For G. I. circular, write Packard School, 253 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

## LANGUAGES

American products and services will be needed in every corner of the world after the war. If you know one or more foreign languages, you will be equipped to carve a profitable place for yourself whatever your business or profession. A Berlitz language course will pay you lifelong dividends in profits and pleasure.

For 67 years Berlitz has never failed!

## BERLITZ SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

630 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. 20, N. Y.

Branches in Brooklyn, Newark, Akron, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, Washington and every other leading city in the world.

APPROVED FOR GI TRAINING

## !! ATTENTION !! Keep Up With HOLLYWOOD



MOVIE LIFE . . . Hollywood's ONLY ALL-PICTURE magazine. Hundreds of off-guard photographs of stars at home, at work, at play in every issue—plus full page color portraits!



MOVIES . . . The Star-Story magazine with private life and love stories of stars—plus color portraits and advance Hollywood News. The drolly interesting magazine of Hollywood!



MOVIE STARS PARADE . . . Only movie magazine giving you 20 or more autographed star portraits in every issue—many in color. A truly beautiful magazine—youthful, alert and ahead of the parade with Hollywood news!



PERSONAL ROMANCES . . . Short stories of true life romances. TWO complete novels every issue. Beauty, fashion and home-making departments.

Order From  
**SHEPARD W. DAVIS & CO.**  
Authorized Representatives  
30 BAY BLDG.  
Staten Island 1, N. Y.

## SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

## PLAN A MUSICAL CAREER

Training for veterans under G. I. Bill. Certificates, diplomas and degrees in piano, violin, cello, conducting, voice, public school music, etc. Free catalog.

SHERWOOD MUSIC SCHOOL  
414 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago 5, Ill.  
Institutional Member of the National Association of Schools of Music



# DePaul, Aggies And 66 On Top

## Horsemen Hope Bugle Will Tootle By May 1

WASHINGTON.—Racing officials hope the Government will allow the gee-gees to leave the pastures for the tracks before May 1, but they have no intention of pestering Jimmy Byrnes to do so.

Harry Parr, 3d, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, said, "I think racing will be resumed, sure-shot, this year. We are keeping in touch with Washington, but we are not going to keep rapping on Justice Byrnes' door."

The War Mobilization Director has stated that the bugles will toot when the progress of the war warrants it.

Old-timers, while awaiting the resumption of racing, were reminded of great races of yesteryear by the death of Steve Donoghue, noted British jockey.

Generally recognized as Great Britain's greatest jockey, the cry, "Come on Steve" has become a track by-word. Six times he was up on Derby winners and for six successive years he and Brown Jack triumphed in the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Although he won 1840 races his match against America's champion, Earl Sande, resulted in a five-length defeat. In the famous match race Zev proved too much of a horse for Papyrus.

Compared with American jockeys Steve was in the saddle many years. He moved from the jockey's room to the trainer's enclosure in 1938 at the age of 53.

His services were greatly in demand. On one occasion he rode mounts in England and Belgium the same afternoon.

Jockey Don Meade established a

dubious record this week by being suspended at the Mexico City track.

He has already has on his books a suspension in Miami in 1936 for betting on other horses and a 1942 set-down in New York for collusion.

Aggressive and daring, Meade is recognized as one of the most capable jockeys in the business. His biggest triumph was astride Broker's Tip in the 1933 Kentucky Derby.

Meade has protested the Jockey Club suspension, claiming he did not curse Mexico as a country and Mexicans as individuals. Meade was the best-known jockey to go to Mexico following the closing of racing in the states.

## Grace Made Coach Of Welch Hospital Nine

WELCH CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, Fla.—1st Lt. Robert E. Grace, MAC, former catcher with the Pirates and Phillies, has been appointed baseball coach.

Lieutenant Grace was commissioned in May, 1942, at Luke Field, Ariz. Subsequently, he attended the Physical Reconditioning Course at Washington & Lee University.

## McNutt Ruling Fine, But Baseball Would Welcome Word By Triple 'S'

WASHINGTON.—While ruling by War Manpower Commissioner McNutt that baseball playing is an "essential employment" had the effect of getting some players to drop their war plant jobs and return to the game, so many major league players have continued to hold off that moguls would welcome some official expression by the Selective Service System.

Not until "Triple S" announces just what its attitude will be regarding 4-Effers will baseball consider itself in the clear for the season, now less than three weeks away. Some deferees have been re-examined and a goodly number of them have been ordered into service.

The fact that the Congress dilly-dallied so long on a manpower bill played havoc with the plans of baseball. The only thing now that would save the game from its weakest personnel display since the start of war would be an end to the conflict in Europe. Should that happy event occur within the next month, it is thought it would bring an influx of the hold-off talent and the sport would again take on class.

Despite the many absentees, players who have refused to sign contracts until their wartime status was established, the two majors will manage to get teams of a sort together to carry out the schedules.

President Roosevelt has stated that if conditions permit he will throw out the first ball and usher in the season at Griffith Stadium on Monday, April 16, with the Yankees as guests of the Nats. . .

## Camp O'Reilly Keeps Antilles League Lead

ANTILLES DEPARTMENT.—As the end of the Puerto Rican Basketball League tournament approaches, Camp O'Reilly continues master of the circuit by a 55-15 victory over Henry Barracks in the Antilles Department.

Fort Brooke clung tenaciously to second place by a stirring 31-30 defeat of Fort Buchanan which required two overtime periods to settle. The game was won then on a free throw in the last seconds of the overtime session.



MAN-EATING TIGER, weight 250 pounds, 12 feet in length, was killed by Miss Carol Hagerman, of Kansas City, Mo., American Red Cross club worker, and Cpl. C. A. McCrary, Centralia, Ill., of the Combat Military Police, on their hunt in Myitkyina, Burma.

—Signal Corps Photo

## Big Fellows, Old-Timers, Set The Pace

WASHINGTON.—A couple of big fellows, who know their way around on a basketball floor, and some old-timers, who huffed and puffed their way to their third title, have written the final pages in the story of 1944-45 basketball.

Big George Mikan hit the netting for 34 points as De Paul defeated Bowling Green, 71 to 54, before 18,166 Madison Square Garden fans to win the National Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Another court giant, seven-foot Bob Kurland, spelled the difference as Oklahoma Aggies defeated New York University, 49 to 45, for the National Collegiate A. A. basketball championship.

The veteran Phillips 66 team of Bartlesville, Okla., were the less wind-blown in the final seconds of play and scored a 47-46 win over another veteran team, Denver Ambrose, for the AAU basketball title in Denver.

### New Records

Mikan set new individual scoring records for the tournament. He tallied 53 points against Rhode Island State as De Paul won, 97 to 53, and scored 120 points in three games with 49 field goals and 22 free throws.

Bob Kurland did some plain-and-fancy scoring in his own right with 28 points against Utah as the Aggies won, 62-37, and 15 against Arkansas as Oklahoma won the western title, 69-41.

Kurland and Mikan are scheduled to meet when De Paul and the Aggies play for the mythical crown. Both big fellows have made a lie out of the "galloping goon" cracks about skyscrapers. They are rated as outstanding team players and backboard controllers. Their contest is billed as the feature attraction of the season.

### 62-Point Total

But even Mikan's 53-point mark was topped during the Denver AAU tournament. Gale Bishop of Fort Lewis proved his high scoring mark for the season was no fluke as he poured 62 points through the netting against Hoxie, Kans.

The Fort Lewis, Fort Warren and Camp Robinson officers teams made impressive showings in the tournament before bowing out in contests against the best semipro teams in the world.

## Claiborne Winner In 8th Service Command; All-Star Team Named

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—Following victory of the Camp Claiborne Engineers in the 8th Service Command basketball tournament, players of the competing quintets met and selected the following as their all-stars:

First Team—John Rayz, of Camp Claiborne; Frank Brian, of Glenman General Hospital; John Friberger and A. D. Roberts, of Fort Bliss, and Jim Ledford, of Brooke General Hospital.

## Tami Mauriello Decisions Oma

NEW YORK.—Lee Oma, the gent with the weird style of fighting, won the fans' support but Tami Mauriello, the gent with a hard right-hand punch, won the unanimous decision.

It was the third and rubber match for the two heavyweights. In the first fight Tami rocked Lee into the land of dreams. In the second fight Oma clowned and bobbed and fought enough to give Tami a shellacking.

Tami got back into the spirit of

the first fight and upset the dopsters and gamblers by punishing the Detroiters unmercifully with long overhead rights to ribs and head. Oma put on his act for the fans but he had difficulty as Mauriello was on top of him most of the way.

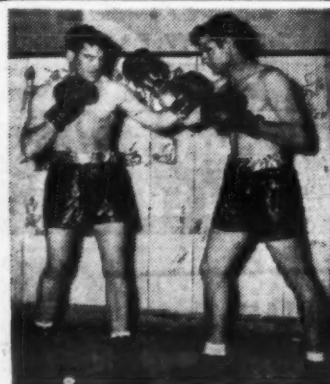
The win put the New Yorker back in the top flight of the duration heavyweight picture. In perfect shape for about the first time in a long career Tami did most of the punch tossing in the final rounds.

## Golf Champs Tee Off For Wounded At Augusta, Ga.

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Augusta, Ga.—Patients of the Oliver General Hospital had the time of their lives last week watching four of the world's greatest golfers send balls zooming down the fair-ways. Craig Wood, Byron Nelson, Sammy Snead and Sammy Byrd spent an entire morning at the hospital to entertain the patients and exhibit their combined golf specialties.

Much interest was evidenced in Craig Wood who won the Master's championship in Augusta the last year it was played before being thrown out for the duration of the war.

The four golfers came over from Aiken, the sporting center of the south, 20 miles away for the exhibition. They were appearing there for the benefit of the Red Cross.



—Air Forces Photo

IDENTICAL TWINS, Irwin (left), and Irvin Voudouris, of Austin, Tex., forget all brother stuff when they enter the ring at Smoky Hill Field, Kan., and their slambang go provides heaps of thrills for fans. In nine encounters, Irwin has scored three wins, Irving two, and four have been draws.



# Nazis Dizzy As Thunderbolts Whiz

WITH THE 11TH ARMORED DIVISION, at the Rhine.—Modern blitz warfare was invented by the Germans back in 1940, but a souped-up American version of the same thing struck back at the Nazis with the power of the Thunderbolt when the 11th Armored Division blasted its way from the Siegfried Line to the Rhine, covering 54 miles in 36 hours.

Combat Command "A" and "B" raced to the Rhine on roughly parallel routes, climaxing their drives with the capture of the Rhine towns of Broll and Andernach, respectively.

Road blocks, anti-tank guns, bazookas, and snipers were encountered in each village, but failed to stop the swiftly-advancing armored spearheads, which took a total of 33 towns.

The lightning advance of Thun-

derbolt armor overtook great numbers of fleeing Jerries. Rear units of the division moving to the front encountered swarms of prisoners being sent back along the route of advance. A PW bag of 10,612 was hauled in, including a complete field hospital, with a staff of more than 400, and the commanding general of a Volksgrenadier Division with his

entire staff. In the wake of the speeding tanks, halftracks, and armored cars was left the twisted wreckage of great quantities of enemy material, including 6 tanks, 100 75 mm. artillery pieces, and 50 general purpose vehicles.

The supermen were getting a taste of their own Nazi medicine.



MODELING HIS OWN CREATION is Pvt. Daniel DaSilva, of New Bedford, Mass., who devised this new back brace and who manufactures them at Finney General Hospital, Ga. Inspecting the new brace is Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General, Fourth Service Command.

## 7th SC Votes Wyo. Star As Quint Top

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Pvt. Ermer Robinson, Bronco's classy sharpshooting forward, was voted "most valuable player" in the 7th Service Command basketball tournament in Omaha, and he and three other Fort Warren players were named on all-tournament teams.

Robinson and Ken Jastrow were voted the two outstanding forwards participating in the four-team meet, and Bryce Christensen was named to one of the first-string guard spots for his work under the backboards. Bill Kinnamon won a guard position on the second all-tournament five.

The most valuable player award was given to Robinson by a vote of the coaches concerned, who cast their ballots previous to the final night's play when the Bronco scoring ace bagged 29 points. Bob Held, of the Fort Riley, Kan., squad was runner-up for the honor.

Teams entered in the service command finals were representing Fort Warren, Fort Riley, Fort Wood, Mo., and Fort Snelling, Minn.

## Closest Checks Avoid Identification Errors

WASHINGTON.—Efforts of the War Department's casualty branch in making certain of the identity of soldiers who have been killed or drowned under unusual circumstances have resulted in a minimum of errors in identification. Only a small percentage of cases remain on the unidentified list.

One or two examples illustrate the care taken to assure definite identification.

A body was washed ashore on the coast of Spain clothed in the uni-

form of a second lieutenant in the American Field Artillery. When the body was found a report was made through diplomatic channels to the U. S. State Department and the War Department. Then the casualty branch took over.

### Several Checks Made

Initials on a fraternity ring, inscription on a second lieutenant's bar and an officer's Field Artillery insignia, with a rough description of the corpse, were checked with files. It was found that a second lieutenant of the Field Artillery had been reported missing in the African invasion some time before the body was found. The missing man's initials tallied with those on the fraternity ring. Inquiries were made of the officer's father, and also of the jeweler who had sold the ring. Then, to be absolutely certain, the casualty branch, having established where the man was last seen alive, checked with tide and weather. It was established that it was possible for the body to be where it was found. Only then was the family notified.

In similar cases the identity of persons reported as casualties is established by the special identification unit. Sometimes only part of a name or serial number is received. Sometimes, in cases of airplane crashes in enemy territory, men are found without any identification. A report covering flying personnel usually lists the entire crew, and through this identities of casualties are established.

In one case identity was established promptly even though only the man's surname was reported. The German government reported to the Red Cross that an individual had been killed in Italy and had been buried in a particular cemetery. Examination of casualty records narrowed the search to two individuals. Since the cemetery had since been captured by the Allies inquiry was made of the theater commander. In a few days a report noted that the grave had been located, the body exhumed and identity definitely established.

### Double Dose

WITH THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION.—After 14 months in the Southwest Pacific, 1st Lt. Albert T. Montenaro of Columbus, O., is now a veteran of two theaters of war. He is now a platoon leader with B Company of the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion.



—Air Corps Photo

EVEN CONFUCIUS would be confused by the experience of Sgt. Arthur Wong. Enlisting in the Army in his hometown, Honolulu, T. H., he drew an extra 20 per cent as overseas duty pay during his 18 months in his native land, but when assigned to the ATC Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, he lost the extra moola. Sgt. Dominic J. Comparsi, cashier, appears to be experiencing some difficulty in unfangling the tangle.

## Jungle Marathon Won By 'Galloping Ghost'

WITH THE 6TH ARMY, on Luzon.—What do you do in the Infantry?—you march, you march, you march!

You cuss the sergeant, rub your feet, and then you collect the cash—fifty dollars' worth.

Anyway that happened to Pfc. Charles Warlick, 39-year-old Infantryman of Mt. Pleasant, N. C., who had challenged Sgt. Roy Starke, 23, of Fond du Lac, Wis., to a test of physical endurance—a jungle marathon.

The challenge stirred a beehive of interest throughout the company.

A 28-mile stretch over improvised roads, trails and jungle terrain was mapped out for the speed march, and bright and early one morning, when there was a lull in camp activity, the two men, with full field packs and arms, started on their "off-the-record" mission.

All day under a burning tropical sun they plodded, each determined to win; one with the overflowing confidence of youth, the other with the perseverance and stamina acquired through the years.

At sundown, Private Warlick reported in, arriving ahead of his opponent by 45 minutes to win the \$50 purse and the admiration of his

company.

Beginning then, the boys called him the "Galloping Ghost."

Warlick entered the Army March 16, 1942, trained at Camp Claiborne, La., and Fort Bragg, N. C., and came overseas in September, 1944.



Serviceman's Miraculous Medal #200 Miraculous medal \$1.00 on heavy headed chain.

Supplies Being Used in All Army and Navy Chapels Furnished by National Church Goods Supply 821 Arch Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa. Send a Money Order Specifying Any Item Wanted and We Will Mail Postpaid Direct

### UNIFORMS

ACCESSORIES

## Salute TO THE ARMY

On Army Day



Our best way of showing appreciation of your valiant work is to serve you honestly, always.

I. GOLDBERG & CO. 429 MARKET ST. PHILADELPHIA 6, PA.

## Hunt Will Again Manage Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla.—Back for another season as manager of the AFTAC diamond nine is Lt. Ray Hunt. He lost no time in getting practice under way and is arranging for a tough schedule that will bring the strongest service and semipro teams here for games with his Headquarters team.

Hunt, a graduate of Furman College, has had professional experience in the South Atlantic and Piedmont leagues.

We Wire Flowers Everywhere



Send Cut Flowers, Roses, Plants, Corsages, for BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 13

Order now by sending remittance to cover amount you wish to spend, name and address of person to receive flowers, inscription for card and date for delivery. We acknowledge every order.

Give Date of Anniversary Write Plainly—

New York City, \$3.00 up Parkside Florists Brooklyn, \$4.00 up U.S.A., \$5.00 up 967-7th Av., N. Y. 19, N.Y. Elsewhere

## Soldier's Shots End Death Fight Of Crocodile And 2 Boa Snakes

ANTILLES DEPARTMENT.—A death struggle of two large boa constrictors and a crocodile was interrupted in the Surinam jungles by two Antilles Department soldiers and a carbine.

The soldiers—Sgt. Floyd Taylor, of Birmingham, Ala. and Sgt. Alvy McCain, of Cushing, Okla.—were called to the scene of the battle by a native who discovered the free-for-all on the bank of a small stream. Apparently, both snakes were attempting to strangle the crocodile, which was putting up a game but losing fight.

The snakes were wrapped about the saurian, their coils working slowly and with a great display of muscle. According to Taylor and McCain it was the first time a crocodile ever had been observed in that narrow waterway.

Sergeant McCain sighted his car-

bine and fired into the writhing mass. The shots killed one boa and the crocodile. The second snake, fully as large as the dead one, slipped into the surrounding jungle and disappeared. Measurement of the dead constrictor revealed it to be more than 14 feet long and as broad as the calf of a man's leg. It had a gaping mouth which could easily have swallowed the crocodile.

## New 'Zero' Sign All Greek To GI

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—In order to "step up" proper saluting of officers riding in staff cars, those vehicles attached to the engineer section of this ASF training center now display windshield cards marked with a large "O" when an officer is aboard.

The car in which Lt. "Tommy" Whelan was riding passed a soldier who made no attempt to salute.

Pulling over, the officer inquired about the lack of military courtesy, pointing to the newly-adopted sign. "Oh, is that what that means?" the soldier asked earnestly, "I thought zero meant nobody was in there."

## SPECIAL OFFER to SERVICEMEN! YOUR OWN SERIAL NUMBER STAMP with INK PAD



NO RE-INKING NECESSARY

Only 75¢ FOR BOTH

INDELIBLE INK PAD GOOD FOR 1500 MARKINGS ELIMINATES MESS of RE-INKING!

SPONGE RUBBER BASE GUARANTEES PERFECT IMPRESSION

- Genuine Enamel Handle Stamp prints YOUR initial and last four figures of serial number in letters 1/2 inch high!
- Safest, easiest way to mark laundry and clothes!
- Guaranteed not to wash off.
- Compact—No bulky package. Nothing to spill. Pad is inked, ready for use.
- Both sent postpaid anywhere in U. S. A. or overseas for only 75c set.

Commanding Officers—Please Note! Special Quantity Prices 100 or more, 50c set 50 to 100 sets, 55c set 15 to 50 sets, 65c set Any quantity shipped within 4 days. For quick action—send list and remittance by special delivery air mail.

AGENTS WANTED

FULL NAME & SERIAL NUMBER STAMP WITH INKPAD, COMPLETE, \$1

BRANDT MFG. CO., 54 W. 21st ST., N. Y. C. 10



## Cartoon Class Popular With Pickett Patients

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Busy hands and a busy mind are major factors in speedy and complete recovery of battle casualties, the Army has found, and this knowledge is being exploited to the full through the reconditioning service of the Army General Hospital at Camp Pickett, where the program already in operation in the station hospital was expanded and broadened to provide for the thousands of battle wounded flowing into the general hospital.

The case of Sgt. Lester L. Jones, 22, of Roanoke, Va., is a good example.

Sergeant Jones, with two years in the Army and six months of service abroad, is recovering from a fractured leg. He was injured when his bomber crashed in taking off for Sergeant Jones' 14th mission over German Europe.

Now back in his home state to recuperate, Sergeant Jones, though still in bed, gets daily calisthenics to tone up the muscles he can use, and goes in for the arts and crafts program which gives him a chance to explore new fields, find new skills, and dodge the boredom which may accompany convalescence.

Cartooning, which Sergeant Jones is taking up under the guidance of Pvt. Harold Morais, is one of the activities offered patients. Others include painting, clay modeling, drawing, basket and rug weaving,

model airplane building. Special attention and additional materials are provided for men with special aptitudes and interest.

Private Morais, of New York City, a commercial artist and designer of scenery and displays for 15 years, pointed out that the cartooning class offers amusement for the entire ward as well as instruction for the men participating—and virtually every man in the ward has board and pencil in hand on Morais' weekly visits to the ward. He conducts group classes for ambulatory patients in the mornings, and spends his afternoons in the wards.

Sergeant Jones was a student at National Business College, Roanoke, when he entered the Army Air Corps. He is an alumnus of Andrew Lewis High School, Salem, Va.

## Peace On Earth!

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy. — A little Italian church on the 5th Army front experienced the roughest day of its history recently. There were three German machine guns in front of the door and German riflemen inside. Two platoons of the American 91st "Powder River" Division charged the church. The machine guns were knocked out, 20 of the enemy killed. Three were left alive to be taken prisoners.

## Yanks More Eager For "Cracks At Jerry" After Being Wounded

WASHINGTON. — Battle-starred—and battle-scarred—S/Sgt. Harlan West, 24-year-old veteran of North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily and the Western Front, believes that getting wounded makes a doughboy "more anxious than ever to take his cracks at Jerry."

"After the German has drawn your blood, you really begin to hate him, or at least that's the way I feel," West, now home on furlough, said this week.

The sergeant, a member of the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, was wounded in the left shoulder by a mortar shell fragment at the Battle of El Guet-

tar and in the right shoulder by a German sniper's rifle bullet in Sicily. He has the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge and a Distinguished Unit Badge.

Sergeant West thinks that the hottest encounters of his career took place in France prior to the Normandy breakthrough.

"We had to go to work amid those Normandy hedgerows, fighting from field to field, always at close range," he said. "Our rifle platoon engaged in a lot of hand-to-hand combat there, with the machineguns giving them covering fire whenever possible."

## Ford Tank Motors Show Little Wear After 500 Hours

DEARBORN, Mich. — The simplicity and ruggedness of the direct action non-adjustable camshaft mechanism employed on tank engines made by the Ford Motor Company already has paid huge dividends.

Examination of nearly 2000 of the 500-horsepower engines which Army Ordnance has returned to Ford's Lincoln plant for reconditioning reveals a marked resistance to wear under the severest conditions.

Some have run as long as 500 hours—at full throttle most of the time. Despite this, valve stems average only .0003 of an inch wear and valve guides .0005 of an inch.

Wear of pushrod surfaces, which usually is excessive, was negligible. This despite the fact that a pressure of 180 pounds is exerted on the surface every time it is struck by the cam. At full load this occurs 1300 times a minute, the cams revolving at one-half the crankshaft speed.

More than 20,000 of these engines already have been produced at Ford's Lincoln plant. Production is continuing at full speed.

## MPs Cited

ROME.—The 135th Military Police Company of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for "outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks."



HEROES OF BASTOGNE. A company of the 101st Airborne Division passed in review before Supreme Commander Eisenhower when the Presidential Citation Award was made to the entire division, somewhere on the Western Front.

## Rejected By Navy For Ear Defect, Joined Army, Won Medal Of Honor

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—Capt. Robert E. Roeder, of Summit Station, Pa., who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for courageous leadership which led to the taking of Hill 316, a German strongpoint, last May, once was rejected for service in the Navy because of a punctured eardrum.

This was revealed by Cpl. Richard Brown, of Irvington, N. J., mail orderly in Captain Roeder's Co. G, 350th Battle Mountain Regt., of the 88th Blue Devil Division of the 5th Army.

Captain Roeder told him, Brown said, that he attempted to enlist in the Navy in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1938, a week before he joined the Army, but was turned down because of the ear defect.

S/Sgt. Lloyd King, then a private and who was acting as a rifle squad leader, said Captain Roeder ignored machine gun, mortar and rifle fire and, armed with a rifle with fixed bayonet, led his company on its courageous mission and was the first man to reach the crest of the hill.

Captain Roeder was cited for this action on Mount Battaglia, where his company occupied key positions and where the captain was mortally wounded.

Captain Roeder served two enlistments in the Regular Army and was selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1942. Upon graduation, he was assigned to a rifle platoon in Company G, subsequently becoming executive officer and company commander.

The Medal will be presented to Captain Roeder's mother, Mrs. Cora Roeder, at Summit Station.

## Film Pix Men Given Awards

WITH THE XIII CORPS IN GERMANY.—From Los Angeles and Hollywood, the film center of the world, have come three men recognized and cited as outstanding in their film coverage of the XIII Corps operations in the recent 9th Army power-packed smash from the Roer River to the Rhine.

These Army Signal Photo-men, recording dynamic history in the making, 1st Lt. Paul W. Calvert, of Alhambra, formerly of the staff of the Los Angeles Times; T/3 Charles E. Love, of Los Angeles, a former motion picture technician for the Technicolor Studios of Hollywood, and T/4 Warren King, also of Los Angeles and a former publicity photographer for the Universal Studios, were personally cited by Maj. Gen. A. C. Gillem, Jr., the Corps Commander, for their efficient coverage and pictorial recordings of the recent activities here. They, with two additional photographers, comprise the Combat Assignment Unit No. 122, of the 167th Signal Photo Company.

## Zero Scores: 8-Holer In 1

By T/5 Julius Mayer  
SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES.—Rumors among the men of the 321st Engineer Battalion have dropped to a new low since a hell-bound Jap Zero pilot jettisoned his bombs overhead and destroyed our once-beautiful 8-hole latrine.

The popular rumor—breeding shelter was blown sky high and only a gaping crater remains, but nearby another "Son of Heaven" roared in the plane which dropped the bomb. Two Thunderbolts got him in the misty dawn of a cold Philippine morning as he attempted to hightail it out of danger.

A rapid muster disclosed that tragedy was averted by the early hour and the fact that most of the GIs were still at morning chow.

Rest in peace, dear sanctum; your loss has been avenged!

## False Victory Rumors Cause Furore In Boston

BOSTON.—Merchants here boarded up their show windows last week-end as false rumors that Germany had surrendered swept through the pre-Easter shopping crowds.

Police suggested that liquor stores remove their stocks from the windows to remove temptation.

## Nazis Use Another Secret Weapon, A Lie, To Hold Up 10th Armored

WITH THE 10TH ARMORED "TIGER" DIVISION, in Germany.—The Nazis' favorite weapon—the lie—played a role in holding up the advance of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division north of Trier.

When the Tigers had fought their

way to a point within artillery range of the town of Schweich, eight kilometers northeast of Trier, they were surprised by a visit from two German medical officers who crossed the American lines, contacted American troops and asked that Schweich be declared an "open town"—meaning that it was undefended and that they expected the Americans not to fire on it. They also stated that there were 3000 wounded troops in the town.

Corps subsequently gave the order not to shell Schweich, and the 10th Armored cooled its heels. Eventually, however, the Division's Combat Command "B," under Col. William L. Roberts, entered the town and discovered:

That there were minefields inside the town and at the north and south approaches;

That the town was defended by infantry, supported by two .88mm. self-propelled guns;

That, instead of 3000 wounded, there were exactly two enemy wounded in the town.

The payoff came almost immediately. After CC "B" entered the town, German artillery began shelling the place that had been described as an "open town!"

## Antilles Soldiers Are Given Lessons In Culture Of Soil

ANTILLES DEPARTMENT.—How the British study the improvement of farming in the West Indies was demonstrated this week to a group of Antilles Department soldiers stationed in Trinidad. As part of the Army's off-duty education program, the men toured the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, which is situated near their post.

Here the GIs were shown the efforts of the Imperial College to develop new species of plants by introduction of other varieties and by cross-breeding white, at the same time, improving fertility of the soil.

## UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"It's best not to speak to paratroopers about saluting. They always ask where you got your jump boots."

"Star Spangled Banner," a 48-page book containing 160 Mauldin cartoons, may be obtained for 25c postpaid. Send coin or stamps to Army Times, Washington Daily News Building, Washington 5, D. C.

WAS  
Americ  
identi  
German  
deploye  
in the  
Medite  
Othe  
but ha  
This  
gions  
pan t  
which  
their c  
securit  
identif  
Sup

Two  
Bernar  
—Lt. C  
—Lt. C

First  
Hodge  
Patton  
ander  
William  
Lt. Ge

Third  
kan.  
Fifth  
ner.  
Sixth  
Seven  
lins.  
Eighth  
ton.  
Twelfth  
Thirti  
Gill  
Fifteen  
slip.  
Eight  
Mat  
Ninete  
mon  
Twent  
Wal  
Twent  
Mill

First  
And  
Second  
M. J  
Second  
Har  
Third  
Ice  
Third  
O'D  
Fourth  
old  
Fourth  
Gaf  
Fifth  
Ir  
Fifth  
Oli  
Sixth  
Gro  
Seven  
ert  
Eight  
har  
Ninth  
Cra  
Ninth  
Leo  
Tenth  
H.  
Eleve  
Ch  
Twel  
eric  
Fourth  
len  
Seven  
Wi  
Twen  
Wi  
Twen  
Nor  
Twen  
Ch  
Thirti  
lan  
Thirti  
Par  
Thirti  
Joh  
Forty  
Ha  
Forty  
Wi  
Forty  
Ro  
Sixty  
Lo  
Sixty  
P.



# 50 Yank Divisions Identified On Western Front; 7 In Italy

WASHINGTON. — Seventy-seven American Army divisions have been identified as in combat against the Germans and Japanese. Fifty are deployed on the Western Front, 20 in the Pacific and seven in the Mediterranean area.

Other divisions are in these areas, but have not been identified. This is a list of identified divisions and Army groups in the European theater, armies and corps of which they are a part, together with their commanders, in cases where security has allowed them to be identified.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander.

## ARMY GROUPS

Twenty-first—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. Twelfth—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley. Sixth—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers.

## ARMIES

First—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges. Third—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. Seventh—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr. Ninth—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson. Fifteenth—Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow.

## CORPS

Third—Maj. Gen. Charles M. Millikan. Fifth—Maj. Gen. Clarence B. Huebner. Sixth—Maj. Gen. Edward Brooks. Seventh—Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Collins. Eighth—Maj. Gen. Troy L. Middleton. Twelfth—Maj. Gen. Manton Eddy. Thirteenth—Maj. Gen. Alvan C. Gillen, Jr. Fifteenth—Maj. Gen. Wade H. Hal-  
slip. Eighteenth Airborne—Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway. Nineteenth—Maj. Gen. Charles Raymond McLain. Twentieth—Maj. Gen. Walton Walker. Twenty-first—Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn.

## DIVISIONS

First Infantry—Brig. Gen. Clift Andrus. Second Infantry—Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson. Second Armored—Maj. Gen. Ernest Harmon. Third Armored—Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose. Third Infantry—Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel. Fourth Infantry—Brig. Gen. Harold Blakeley. Fourth Armored—Maj. Gen. Hugh Gaffey. Fifth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Leroy Irwin. Fifth Armored—Maj. Gen. Lunsford Oliver. Sixth Armored—Maj. Gen. Robert Grow. Seventh Armored—Maj. Gen. Robert Hasbrouck. Eighth Infantry—Maj. Gen. William G. Weaver. Ninth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig. Ninth Armored—Maj. Gen. John W. Leonard. Tenth Armored—Maj. Gen. William H. Morris. Eleventh Armored—Maj. Gen. Charles Kilburn. Twelfth Armored—Maj. Gen. Rod-  
erick R. Allen. Fourteenth Armored—Maj. Gen. Allen C. Smith. Seventeenth Airborne—Maj. Gen. William M. Miley. Twenty-six Infantry—Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul. Twenty-eighth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Norman D. Cota. Twenty-ninth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt. Thirtieth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Le-  
land S. Hobbs. Thirty-fifth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Paul W. Baad. Thirty-sixth Infantry—Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist. Forty-second Infantry—Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins. Forty-fourth Infantry—Brig. Gen. William F. Dean. Forty-fifth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Robert T. Frederick. Sixty-third Infantry—Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs. Sixty-sixth Infantry—Maj. Gen. H. F. Kreamer.

Seventieth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Allison J. Barnett. Seventy-first Infantry—Maj. Gen. Ray E. Porter. Seventy-eighth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker. Seventy-ninth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Ira Wyche. Eightieth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Horace McBride. Eighty-second Airborne—Maj. Gen. James N. Gavin. Eighty-third Infantry—Maj. Gen. Robert Macon. Eighty-fourth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Bolling. Eighty-seventh Infantry—Brig. Gen. Frank L. Culin, Jr. Ninetieth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Harry J. Maloney. Ninety-fifth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Harry Twaddle. Ninety-ninth Infantry—Maj. Gen. Walter Lauer. 100th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burrell. 101st Airborne—Maj. Gen. Maxwell Taylor. 102nd Infantry—Maj. Gen. Frank A. Keating. 103rd Infantry—Maj. Gen. Anthony

C. McAuliffe. 104th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Terry Allen. 106th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Alan Jones. These are the United States units so far officially designated as fighting in the Mediterranean Theater by the War Department: 15TH ARMY GROUP Lt. Gen. Mark Clark ARMY 5th—Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott. CORPS 2nd—Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes; 4th—Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger. DIVISIONS 1st Armored—Maj. Gen. Vernon E. Pritchard. 10th Mountain. 34th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte. 55th Infantry—Maj. Gen. John B. Coulter. 88th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall. 91st Infantry—Maj. Gen. William A. Livesay. 92nd Infantry—Maj. Gen. E. M. Almond.



—Signal Corps Photo

DANDY FOR TIRED TOOTSIES is the Rhine River at Linz, Germany, where Pfc. Alfonso Argott, of San Fernando, Calif.; Pvt. Isadore A. Kaczak, of Chicago, and Pfc. Tony Medola, Daly City, Calif., soldiers of the First Army, enjoy a cooling foot bath.

## Gosh! 'Ittie Bittie Wac Private Alone With 4000 GIs On a Ship!

FAR EAST SERVICE COMMAND, Southwest Pacific.—Circumstance sometimes causes sensations, so do Wacs on occasions. Pvt. Violet Moore of Hueysville, Ky., being the only enlisted woman aboard a transport of over 4000 falls into this category.

The day on which her detachment marched out of the Port of Embarkation, after months of waiting, weeks of training, Private Moore was confined to the hospital with pneumonia and missed the boat.

But it was a great day when her orders finally arrived—not to report back to her field, as she feared, but to follow her outfit overseas.

## Gen. Gaffney Raised To Corps Commander

WITH THE 3RD ARMY, Germany.—Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffney, whose 4th Armored Division made the sensational smash last December to bring relief for encircled Americans at Bastogne and has helped mold history in the plunge of Lt. Gen. Patton's forces to the Rhine, has been promoted to Corps Commander.

It was shy-making traveling with so many men. She felt awfully alone as she boarded the ship. However, she soon found she was quartered with WAC officers and shared all their privileges on board. As the GIs filed by her cabin their faces lit up and they asked:

"How many Wacs have we on board?"

"One," she answered.

"What a hope," wailed a private.

The captain of the ship, mighty and unknown to most of his passengers, invited her to dine with him. He complimented her for not causing a first class riot on board and gave her the run of the ship. However, she preferred to stay on "A" deck, which was assigned to enlisted personnel. There she was considered a kind of pet or mascot. Her shy unassuming manner won her many friends and not a few ardent admirers.

There was always a murmur of amusement when the public address system sounded off, "Now hear this, will Private Violet Moore, WAC lay down to chow."

The Wacs of the Far East Air Service Command were taken by surprise by her sudden appearance, and the welcome she received was hilarious.

## Gets Discharge, But Thinks It's KP Assignment; Likes Army, Won't Quit

FORT McPHERSON, Ga.—After a current enlistment of three years in the Army—most of it spent on KP, Pfc. Rucius M. Dimon, 55, has a certificate of honorable discharge. All it needs is his signature.

But Private Dimon doesn't want to sign. He likes the Army.

Besides, when he was sent here from the Brooklyn Army Base in November, he didn't know that the transfer meant that he was going to be discharged. If he had known that, he would have started objecting then. He thought he was just getting another KP assignment.

The native of Muscogee County, Ga., was admitted to the Fort McPherson Station Hospital with a chest cold soon after his arrival here. When the Army discharge board gave him his papers for his signature the other day, that was the first he knew about being discharged.

This isn't Dimon's first hitch in the service.

He was a Marine from 1912 to 1914. During the other big war he was in the Army from 1917 to 1919. Between wars, he ran a 400-acre farm.

During his current enlistment, Dimon has been stationed at Fort Benning, Camp Claiborne, Camp Hood (where he volunteered for permanent KP and stayed for two years), Camp Shank, Fort Hamilton and Brooklyn Army Base.

affects many children when traveling. For comfort and relief try

## NAUSEA

Used by children and adults over 1/2 century on LAND and SEA... THE WORLD OVER

**MOTHERS' SEASICK REMEDY**

**FREE JEWELRY CATALOG**

Save on genuine diamond rings, wedding rings, for men and women, \$9.95 up. Taxes included. Send for FREE catalog.

## LOMO NOVELTY CO.

Dept. AT-2, 11 W. 42d, N. Y. C. 18

## STAR OF VICTORY

**SOLDIERS!** Mother and sister will appreciate this beautiful pin designed in gold, red, white and blue. Fitted with safety clasp. Size as illustrated. Sterling silver. Send her name to us and we will mail direct.

Price \$1.50 Incl. Postage and Tax

## PHILA. BADGE CO.

1007 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Special! LAUNDRY MARKING KIT \$1.00

MADE WITH LAST INITIAL AND FOUR SERIAL NUMBERS OR FULL NAME & NUMBER

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS WHEN ORDERED IN QUANTITY

5 to 9 Sets 75¢  
10 or more 50¢

Agents Wanted

ONE HALF INCH LETTERS

SPONGE BASE RUBBER STAMP

LEATHERETTE CASE

48 Hour Service

GUARANTEED WASHABLE INDELIBLE INK

## SERVICEMENS SPECIALTY CO. 668-6TH AVE., N.Y. 10, N.Y.

## SOLDIERS—

The Army Necklace

This sterling silver Army insignia necklace makes a fine personal gift.

Here's a beautiful piece of jewelry—silver chain and silver pendant—with insignia die stamped and enameled on in striking colors.

Insignias available—Army of U. S., U. S. Army, Armored Force, Air Forces, Cavalry, Chemical Warfare Service, Coast Artillery, (A. A.), Field Artillery, Finance Dept., Infantry, Medical Dept., Military Police, Musician, Ordnance Dept., Parachutist, Paratroop, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, D. E. M. L., Engineer Corps, Tank Destroyer. (Specify insignia desired when ordering.)

We will mail this necklace to any address you specify. And in a nice attractive gift box, too. Price, \$3.00 (including tax).

10 Murray Street, New York 7, N.Y.

Representatives wanted to introduce Landseaire items to friends

## Landseaire Service

10 Murray Street, New York 7, N.Y.

Both Chain and Pendant are Sterling Silver.

## Genuine Leather WALLETs

Do Luxe Quality GUARANTEED!

Finest Genuine Leathers

ONLY \$5

Sold at Better Shops Everywhere for \$7.50 to \$10.00

For those who like "better" things—Here's a truly handsome wallet—smartly tailored—perfect craftsmanship—ingenious design—highest quality leather—handsome, durable.

ORDINARILY SOLD FOR \$7.50 to \$10—OFFERED TO YOU FOR \$5

Your choice of light, medium or dark brown leathers. Your initials Gold-Stamped, Free.

Use Coupon Or Separate Sheet

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Check: Light ☐ Medium ☐ Dark ☐ Leather ☐ Initials .....

## NED EPWORTH, 35 Charlton St., N. Y. 14, N. Y.



## The Mess Line

The Fuehrer is reported

To have said, "The war is lost!  
Treason black has caused it,  
By the people I have bossed."  
Now this should be a lesson,  
Which no German should forget:  
Never let a screwball lead you  
Down the road to deep regret.  
If some future fuehrer beckons,  
To follow at his whim,  
Just remember Adolf Hitler, and  
The thanks you got from him!

We now know of a soldier with  
a new line. He says, "Come up to  
my place and let me show you my  
cigarettes."

Soft the new love tells his lies  
And ah, he tells them well;  
Demurely, I turn down my eyes;  
Alone, I laugh like h -

If a veteran of the last war is  
worried when his daughter is out  
with a GI it is because he has a  
good memory.

Mary had a little lamb,  
Some salad and dessert.  
Then gave the sarge the wrong  
address,  
The dirty little flirt.

"Funny people these Americans,"  
said the Chinaman. "Take a glass,  
put sugar to make sweet, and lemon  
to make sour, fill glass with gin to  
make hot, and add ice to make cold,  
say 'Here's to you,' and drink it  
themselves."

Red Riding Hood had a snap,  
She didn't have a care.  
Only ONE WOLF to worry her—  
Now they're everywhere.

Daffynition: Divorce—An unap-  
petizing hash of domestic scraps.

Sally's back from Hollywood,  
Evading all its perils,  
Sally's reputation's good,  
No hits, no runs, no Errols.

The man in the moon isn't half as  
interesting as the lady in the sun.

There was a young girl named  
Anheuser,  
Who said that no man could sur-  
prise her.  
But Pabst took a chance,  
Found the girl at her aunt's  
And now she is sadder Budweiser.

Many a man has stopped call-  
ing her the "little woman" after  
one good look at her in slacks.

Fashion Note: The most popular  
shades this spring will be the ones  
left up in the gal's bedroom window.

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
At sixty miles or better.  
The cop unkind, was right behind,  
They're seeking bail by letter.

A gentleman is a fellow a girl  
doesn't know very well.

The wise men of neutral Iraq,  
When told that the Allies would  
crag.

Reflected a while, then replied  
with a smile:  
"Kindly go sit on a tag."

"Keep on fighting, men," said the  
Nazi general. "Never give up until  
your last shot is fired. When it is,  
then run. I'm lame, so I'll start  
now."

A very tired soldier walked into  
a U. S. O. center, where there  
were booths along the wall for  
theater tickets, coffee, food and  
one for beds. What our poor, tired  
hero wanted was a bed. But he  
got in the theater line by mistake.  
"One," he said.

"Don't you want to take a girl?"  
inquired the motherly lady in the  
booth. He hesitated. "You can if  
you want to," she urged. "You'll  
have lots more fun if you do."

## Co-ordinate Programs

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—To elim-  
inate the overlapping of entertain-  
ment in the General Hospital, the  
co-ordination of all Red Cross,  
Reconditioning and Special Serv-  
ices activities into one huge morale  
and entertainment program was  
announced at the regular Recrea-  
tion Council meeting.

## Singer Given Divorce From Sgt. Joe Louis

CHICAGO.—Charging desertion,  
Marva Trotter Louis, night club  
singer, was granted a divorce from  
Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis,  
now an Army sergeant. She was  
granted \$200 monthly for support  
of a 2-year-old daughter.

## Book On Tubes

NEW YORK.—A new 16-page il-  
lustrated booklet on "How & Why  
Cathode Ray Tubes Work," includ-  
ing a discussion of complete tele-  
vision setups, has been prepared and  
is obtainable from North American  
Philips Company, Inc., 100 East  
42nd Street, New York City, one of  
the leading producers of this type  
of tube.

## German Civilians Fire On American Troops

WITH THE U. S. 3RD ARMY.—  
American troops advancing in the  
push over the Rhine were fired on  
by German civilians, and orders  
were given that such civilians should  
be shot on sight.

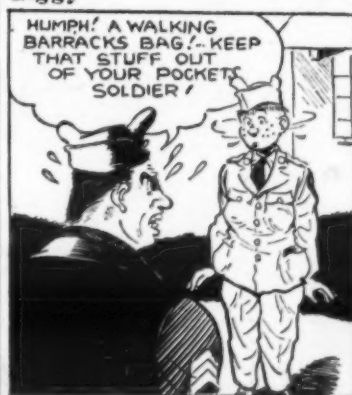
An unconfirmed report said two  
American infantrymen were shot by  
a 10-year-old German girl.

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF



"Grab his pistol, Joe—I know where we kin trade  
it for some combat boots."

## Giggy



Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.

IF YOU WANT TO  
KEEP A PICTURE  
SAFE, MOUNT IT IN AN  
ALBUM WITH NUACE  
MOUNTING CORNERS!

AND KEEP THE NEGATIVE  
UNDER THE PRINT

Only 10¢ per 100 corners in Black, White, Gray, Green,  
Red, Sepia, Ivory, Baby Pink, Baby Blue and Victory. 60  
corners per package in Gold and Silver. At your PX, 5¢ &  
10¢ Stores, Drug, Camera and Department Stores.

ACE ART CO., READING, MASS.

BEFORE IT'S LOST OR DAMAGED..

MOUNT IT WITH NUACE CORNERS!





## Jap Hari-Kari Philosophy Is Puzzle To GIs

WITH THE AMERICAN DIVISION, in the Philippines.—The Japs' penchant for mass suicide, a philosophy of thought which still puzzles the average American GI, left seagoing American infantrymen even more perplexed during a small "naval" action here.

The infantrymen, patrolling in a landing craft, spotted a small fleet of Jap canoes and sailboats. Promptly closing in, they attempted to take all the Japs prisoners.

Instead, as the American craft drew near, the Japs began pulling the pins of hand grenades and, methodically, blew themselves up. Others jumped overboard and drowned. A few were shot. The last Jap began swimming; as the doughboys took after him and gestured for him to come aboard, he reached under water for a grenade, tapped it against his helmet, and killed himself.

Sgt. Joseph U. Doucette, a veteran of 37 months overseas, from Lawrence, Mass., said: "The payoff was that the Japs kept grinning all the time. You'd think they didn't have a care in the world. We just can't figure them out."

All told, about 25 Japs died.

## Tough Going For 'Baby Dumping'

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Most woebegone GI here is Pfc. John "Baby Dumping" McLean, Steubenville, O. Blushing McLean gets nice postcards in the mail, obviously in the feminine hand, and smelling very sweetly—but the inscription thereon is in French. "Baby Dumping" is no end embarrassed as the company mail clerk translates for him.

At present, McLean's buddies are taking up a collection to buy the soldier a French-English dictionary.

## American Firms Help Signal Corps Repair Nazi Phone Equipment

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES, in France.—Telephone equipment installed by the Germans in France during their occupation has been giving efficient service to the U. S. Army Signal Corps, thanks to American industry which was able to recopy and replace vital parts of the German telephones smashed by the Nazis before their retreat.

The Germans left most of the equipment intact but were careful to remove or smash the vacuum tubes essential to the telephone repeaters which overcome the weakening of the voice currents as they pass over miles of wires.

Two American firms reproduced the tubes in several weeks' time. As fast as they were made they were shipped to France and installed and have given excellent service.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 8)

1. C. The Rhine is 825 miles long. The Mississippi 2500.
2. The new technique is designed for rocket-equipped planes on which the rocket-guns are fixed.
3. B.
4. A.
5. In May, 1942, the RAF made the first 1000-ton raid on Cologne, Germany.
6. B.
7. Zamboanga. It is the second city of importance on Mindanao.
8. C. General Anderson said: "The loss of skilled pilots has been of more concern to the Germans than the loss of planes."
9. False. The first presentation of the Presidential Citation was made recently to the 101st Airborne Division by General Eisenhower.
10. B. Representative Gore, recently returned from Europe, says the sections to be controlled by U. S. include fifty per cent of Germany's population.



"16 MM PIN-UP GIRL—1945" is the title bestowed on Dorothy DeMayo, one of the prettiest of the Barbizon Studio of Fashion Models. To her intimates, Dorothy is known as "Chuck," and the Barbizon folks capitalize on her smile by featuring her in bewitching bathing ensembles.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Self-appointed "hometown correspondent" for some 225 servicemen—also women—from Schoharie, N. Y., S/Sgt. Edward M. Scribner, at the Radio School at SIOUX FALLS FIELD, S. D., writes letters to every person who has entered service from that town. An alphabetized file helps him keep track of his voluminous correspondence, which runs on an average to 30 letters per day.

Following in Joe Penner's footsteps, Sgt. Vern Hartmann, of ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La., has been going 'round the camp, asking: "wanna buy a . . . ? But instead of Joe's ducks, Hartman offers skunks. He bagged seven one night recently, and after deodorizing one, has been attempting to get rid of the others. Naturally, his barracks mates have a good deal to say about his hobby.

"The youngest T/5 in the Army" is the claim made for Bill Woods at a depot of the INDIA-BURMA AIR SERVICE COMMAND. Woods had already served a hitch in the "Old" Army, had kicked 'round Panama a few years, and had been married before Uncle Sam called him for this war. Yet he has seen only seven birthdays. The explanation comes out when it is known that he is a "leap-year kid." He won't be able to celebrate his eighth birthday 'til 1948.

Blessings are being bestowed by his fellow GIs at NAPIER FIELD, Ala., on S/Sgt. Tom Taggart. Recently Col. Charles J. Daly, the Field's CO, authorized the publication of letters making suggestions or complaints, in The Booster, the Field's paper. The first letter, from Taggart, inquired whether there was any logical reason why men were called by reveille at 5.30 when they did not have to report to work 'til 8 a.m. As a result an investigation was made and reveille was changed to 6.30.

Add to the GIs who are able to carry on their former business while soldiering Sgt. Austin Green, known familiarly locally as "Slim," at CAMP LEE, Va. Before the war "Slim" was doing a prosperous business at Sante Fe, N. M., making such things as saddles, picture frames, and other articles from

leather. Now he spends his off-duty hours carving away on some piece of leather work, which, when finished, is sent back to his partner at Santa Fe. One of Slim's best pieces of work was a hand-carved leather nameplate, mounted on polished walnut, which he made for President Roosevelt. FDR visited Fort Riley, Kans., when Slim was stationed there, saw him at work, and asked for the nameplate. It now has an honored place in the White House.

Here's a new recipe passed along by Johnny Petter, A. R. critic supervisor, of LAREDO FIELD, Tex. It's called "Honeymoon salad," and the components are simple, just "Let-tuce alone without dressing."

A corporal from FORT MONMOUTH, N. J., with two rows of ribbons and a CBI shoulderpatch stepped into a bar at Long Branch, N. J., and ordered a double rye. "This is one thing you really miss overseas," he noted, as he luxuriously sipped the highball. "Out there you only get a drink if you've been bitten by a cobra." The bartender, volunteered: "That doesn't happen very often, I hope." "It didn't at our post," the corporal asserted. "We only had one cobra and by the time he got past the first three graders he was too tired to bite any more."

## Badgers In China

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, U. S. Army.—The "Badger State" is strongly represented at Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure's Headquarters. Nine officers and seven non-coms hail from Wisconsin.

## CLASSIFIED

### FILMS

FILM—35 mm. Reloaded Cartridges. All speeds. 36 exposures each. 2 rolls \$1.00 Postpaid. Limited supply. Order now. Credit on empty cartridges. Sorry, no Kodak roll film. Eastern Photo Lab. Dept. "C", 1406 N. Charles St., Baltimore 1, Md.

### STAMPS

SELLING YOUR stamp collection? I am in the market for it. Send it to me for an offer or write first, if you prefer. William Waugh, 214 Bradford St., Charleston, W. Va.

## Classified Section

### PHOTO FINISH

JUMBO PRINTS: roll developed and 8 Enlarged prints. 25c; dependable service. JUMBO PHOTOS. Box 868T. Minneapolis, Minn.

16 Beautiful Deckle-edged Prints and enlarging coupon with each roll developed. 25c—Owlphoto at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ROLL DEVELOPED. 2 prints each good negative (limit 16 prints). 25c coin. Reprints 2c each. Star Photo. Box 149, Denver, Colorado.

YOUR 6-8 Exposure Roll developed & 2 prints each good negative 30c; or 1 of each enlarged to about post card size. 25c. Rapid Photo Service. GPO 413, N. Y., 1, N. Y.

JUMBO PICTURES. 8 exposure roll finished for 25c. 12 exposures 40c. 16 exposures 50c. 18 exposures, 36 mm 60c. 36 exposures 35 mm \$1.00. Reprints Jumbo size 3c each. Jumbo Picture Co., Box T, St. Paul, Minn.

**BALLOON PRINTS FROM YOUR SNAPSHOTS**

Your 6-8 Exposure Roll developed and balloon prints made of each negative. Quality work for 30 years guarantees your satisfaction. Prompt service.

**35¢ COIN**

**PHOTO FINISHING SHOP**  
Box 1570-A - - - ROCHESTER, N. Y.  
"The Camera City"

### PHOTO STATIONERY

## PERSONAL PHOTO STATIONERY

THAT CARRIES YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

Now you can make your letters to "That Girl," Mother, Wife and to friends at home like an intimate face to face visit when you use rich, two-fold Photographic Stationery with life-like photographs of yourself at the top. A marvelous morale builder. Ideal gift with a friend's picture. **SPECIAL OFFER**—Just send \$1.00 with photo, snapshot or negative for our Special Box of Photographic Stationery. Photo returned. NATIONAL PHOTO ART, Dept. 539-51, Janesville, Wis.

### REAL ESTATE

OWN A HOME IN ZEPHYR HILLS Florida, the friendly progressive Veterans Community. Your choice of 100 Homesites, \$50 each, on easy terms. Near schools, churches, stores. Deed direct from City of Zephyr Hills. Write for details. B. F. Parsons, Publicity Commission, Zephyr Hills Florida.

### PIN-UP GIRLS

**PIN-UP GIRLS**

"Interesting" poses (Yeah, Man!), 10 lovely "fox-hole warmers," actual glossy 2 1/2"x3 1/2" photographs, just like you'd take with your camera. 2 Series, 10 pictures in each packet. Price, 25c per packet, or 6 packs (3 of each series) for \$1.25, postpaid.

## LLOYDS

1411-B N.W. 17th St., Oklahoma City 6, Okla.

See Other Classified Advertisements Below at Left

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Your entire Organization will want to participate in a GROUP PURCHASE of our "Scotcraft" Quality INSIGNIA STATIONERY, especially designed to YOUR SPECIFICATIONS, if unit funds are inadequate. WRITE NOW for details and samples. SCOTT CHESHIRE, MILITARY STATIONER, Box 847, San Antonio 6, Texas.

### DECALCOMANIAS

FULL LINE of AIR CORPS DECALS for Model Plane Builders. Send 25c for sample sheets and catalog to POSTER STAMP PRESS, 549 W. Randolph, Chicago 6, Ill.

### HOME STUDY COURSES

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS in great demand. We train you in your spare time while in the service. Write for catalogue. Imperial Technical Institute, Box 973-N. Austin, Texas.

## DETECTIVES

TRAINING SECRET INVESTIGATIONS Easy Short Method—Reports—Finger-Prints—by Former Government Detective. INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE SYSTEM 1701-N. Monroe St., N. E., Wash., D. C. 18

MECHANICS step up your own skill with the facts and figures of your trade. Audels Mechanics Guides contain Practical Inside Trade Information in a handy form. Fully Illustrated and Easy to Understand. Highly Endorsed. Check the book you want for 7 days' Free Examination. Send No Money. Nothing to pay postman. [1] Marine \$4, [1] Blueprint \$2, [1] Machinist \$4, [1] Electricity \$4, [1] Shipfitter \$1, [1] Welders \$1, [1] Radio \$4, [1] Plumbers \$6, [1] Diesel \$2, [1] Carpenters \$6, [1] Mathematics \$2, [1] Auto \$4, [1] Sheet Metal \$1. If satisfied you pay only \$1 a month until purchase price is paid. AUDEL, Publishers, 49 W. 23d St., New York 10, N. Y.

### AGENTS WANTED

ARMED FORCES SALESMEN WANTED to sell PERSONALIZED STATIONERY printed with Official Insignia, Name, Address, Rank, and choice of 100 pictures. No money to invest. Rush postcard for free selling kit.

HOUBLER-KINDEL PRESS  
Cincinnati 12, Ohio

## YOU Too Can Earn EXTRA MONEY By Selling BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIR Handkerchiefs

SOUVENIR Handkerchiefs sell like Hot Cakes . . . EVERYBODY BUYS . . . to send to Mother, Wife, Sister and Sweetheart . . .

SELLS for 50c each, marked with the insignia. Company and the Location of your OWN outfit. Individual mailing envelopes are included. Cost to you is \$3.50 per Dozen.

OVERSEAS: You can take orders for shipment . . . direct to the folks in the STATES.

SEND \$1.00 for 3 Samples, cash or money order. MENTION insignia, company and location you desire on these attractive souvenirs. Write-at ONCE to

## Sylvia Mattison

24 West End Ave., Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

## A Two-Way Shot

### 1. Send Me ARMY TIMES

YOU WANT to keep up on all matters pertaining to the Army and Veterans' affairs. ARMY TIMES is the answer. Filled with Army news and features. It will follow you wherever you go.

Send ARMY TIMES by mail to

NAME AND RANK

MILITARY ADDRESS

One Year (52 Issues) \$2.00 Or Six Months (26 Issues) \$1.00.

Double the above amount for two subscriptions. Enclose check, currency or money order and mail to:

**ARMY TIMES,**  
Daily News Bldg., Washington 5, D. C.

### 2. Send ARMY TIMES Home

YOUR FAMILY is interested in you—in your Army activities, in your post-war opportunities. They can get that information in ARMY TIMES. Have them keep a file at home for your future use.

Send ARMY TIMES by mail to

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE



# Here's where the HELLCAT gets its "Pounce"

FROM Brest to Bastogne and beyond, the story was the same.

The speed of the M-18 Hellcat—its ability to go anywhere—the hard, straight striking power of its 76-mm. gun—all this spelled bad news for enemy armor and strong points.

Now one secret of the M-18's lightning-like agility has been adopted as standard for all American track-laying vehicles.

For in addition to ample power—a principle long basic in Buick design—the Hellcat is marked by a

wholly new kind of torsional springing that does several things—all good.

*It smooths the ride*, much as Buick's torsional springing leveled the easy stride of your prewar Buick. Crews can travel at higher speed and remain ready for combat when they arrive.

*It provides constant traction*. Because all bogey wheels bear down *hard*, the Hellcat goes anywhere—even crosses fields in pace with wheeled vehicles on nearby roads.

*And it means high speed*. Holding tracks ever

taut, this springing permits speeds as high as 55 miles an hour—speeds greater than many types of land cargo carriers.

Now Ordnance officers, who worked with Buick men to bring the M-18 into being, have standardized on this type of springing for all American tanks and track-laying vehicles. It will be a feature of both new vehicles and improved versions of older ones.

It has met the test—proved its worth. And no one is more tickled than Buick to see this Buick good-thing incorporated in other good American weapons.



BUICK DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTORS

Every Sunday Afternoon—

GENERAL MOTORS SYMPHONY OF THE AIR—NBC Network

## BUICK BUILDS THE M-18 HELLCAT

YOU LEND A HAND WHEN YOU LEND YOUR DOLLARS • INVEST IN MORE WAR BONDS



The Army-Navy "E" proudly flies over all Buick plants